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Marpi dump cell at max

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The first cell of the Marpi landfill has already reached maximum capacity and is currently towering at over 100 feet tall. There is a Cell 2, but before throwing any trash there, the Department of Public Works has to build Cell 3 first.

According to Enrique Dela Cruz, DPW's Solid Waste Management director, the Marpi dump's cells are designed to have a height limit of just 206 feet.

"When you fill up a cell, you have to go upwards and now we have already reached the limit. The limit is 206 feet but we had to stop at 106 feet as a requirement of the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] and the [Bureau of Environmental and Coastal

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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, third left, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres prepare to lay a wreath at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park, moments after arriving on Saipan yesterday.
JON PEREZ

PH agency blacklists FSM

MANILA—An agency of the Philippine government has ordered a total deployment ban to the Federated States of Micronesia due to reports of abuses and maltreatment of Filipino workers in the nation.

» **Filipino workers banned from deploying to FSM**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration's governing board resolution 05-2018 said that no Filipino workers, both newly-hired and returning, will be deployed to the island-nation. Filipino workers overseas are usually referred to by the Philippine government as OFWs, or overseas Filipino workers.

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CEC says Atalig still a candidate

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REPORTER

Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig is charged with two criminal cases, each in federal court and local court, but he is still a candidate for this Nov. 6 general election, according to the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Asked yesterday about the candidacy of Atalig following the filing of charges against him, CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said the mayor is still a candidate because they have not received any notification from him that he

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Zinke: The Pacific matters

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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke made a brief stop on Saipan yesterday, making him the highest Trump Cabinet official to swing by the CNMI as he hop-scotched across the Pacific this week. It is being hoped that his visit would emphasize the important role the U.S. territories play when it comes to national security.

Zinke, a former U.S. representative from Montana, could be the first Interior secretary to visit the CNMI. His trip came a

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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, third left, joins Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fifth left, and other officials after laying a wreath at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park.
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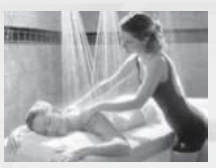
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CEC chair pro tem Sablan's term expiring next month

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The third four-year term of Commonwealth Election Commission chair pro tem Jesus I. Sablan will expire next month. As of yesterday, he hasn't been re-appointed yet.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said that she called the governor's office yesterday to inform them about the expiration of Sablan's term.

Igitol said a staff stated that she would notify Gov. Ralph DLG Torres about it.

Sablan's term will expire on Oct. 27, less than two weeks before the Nov. 6 general election.

Sablan was first appointed as CEC commissioner in 2007. He is representing Saipan and the Northern Islands.

Sablan is serving chairman pro tem because CEC has no chairperson following the expiration of the term of former chair Frances M. Sablan in August 2017.

Each commissioner has a four-year term and requires Senate confirmation.

At present, there are seven CEC commissioners, including Sablan. The board requires five commissioners to have a quorum, according to Igitol.

Meanwhile, Igitol reminded CNMI residents that today, Friday, is the last day to register to vote for this November election.

As of Wednesday, there were 18,531 registered voters. CEC is currently processing the contract to print an estimated 22,000 ballots.

The CEC board on Wednesday denied a couple's registration to vote for failing to meet the 120-day residency requirement prior to election day. The couple relocated to Saipan from the U.S. mainland.

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Education summit focuses on workforce development

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Guest speakers Josephin Mesta and David Attao on the stage during the first day of the first educational summit in the CNMI yesterday at the Saipan World Resort.

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REPORTER

The first day of a three-day education summit—the first of its kind organized in the CNMI—focused primarily on workforce development in the CNMI.

The Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort was packed yesterday with 240 summit participants.

The summit itself was organized by the Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

The Department of Labor, the 20th CNMI Legislature, the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Department of Commerce, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Latte Training Academy, and other critical government and non-government agencies also attended.

"We are doing an assessment of what we have as a community in terms of our education system in PSS, NMC, or NMTI. We are also identifying areas we need to focus on," PSS interim commissioner Glenn Muña told *Saipan Tribune*.

The main focus, according to the summit agenda, was about identifying occupational and career trends as well as training to prepare students to transition into the workforce.

"…Our business partners are looking at what we can do as an educational system to assist them in providing… a workforce they can hire," Muña said.

The 240 registrants were divided into several smaller groups to discuss various factors possibly inhibiting the enhancement of the current workforce in the CNMI.

The guest speaker for the day, DOL Workforce Investment Act director David Attao, told *Saipan Tribune* that several training programs NMC, NMTI, and even the Latte Training Academy are "hitting niches" of what is in-demand.

"We need to invest in our education instructors, our facilities, our equipment, and tools, etc. to help our trainings take place," said Attao, replying to the question of whether there is a shortfall in the programs offered on-island. Attao believes rather that there is a lack of "spending money in the right places and allowing the money to [yield] a good return of investment."

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Senate migrates funds; passes budget

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REPORTER

The Senate unanimously voted to pass their version of the Commonwealth government's budget in yesterday's session at the Senate chamber on Capital Hill.

All eight members voted yes to House Bill 20-173, SS1, while Senate vice president Steven K. Mesngon (R-Rota) was absent.

Senate Fiscal Affairs chair Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the Senate version migrated some funds to the CNMI Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

The budget bill, the fiscal year 2019 Appropriations Act, heads back to the House—to the Ways and Means Committee—for review and, if House lawmakers approve the Senate version, the bill would then go to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for signing.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, expects to receive a copy of the Senate's version of the CNMI budget bill today. The committee would review it first before presenting it to the body.

A bicameral conference committee—composed of three members each from the House and Senate—will be convened it the House rejects the Senate version.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), expecting the House to reject the Senate version, said he would name the members of the Senate panel no later than today, with Hofschneider expected to lead the conferees.

Hofschneider, before the bill was passed, said that giving PSS, NMC, and CHCC more funding were some of the highlights of the Senate version. "We've increased the allocation to PSS…by $3.2 million. This is more than the [constitutionally mandated] 25 percent. In totality, [PSS' budget], inclusive of general funds, is $47 million."

The allocation for NMC increased to $5.8 million from the Senate version that included the money collected from the CW funds while a total of $8.2 million is appropriated for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

More than 50 percent or $4.9 million of CHCC's funds were from outside sources while $3.2 million were from the general appropriation. The Senate gave CHCC an additional $200,000 aside from the $2 million that came from the House.

Hofschneider said some of the funds came from the more than $1.8 million budgeted for the controversial salary increase, Public Law 19-83, that the Supreme Court thumbed down last month.

"We actually migrated some of that [allocation for salary increase] to PSS and NMC. For the allocation for the Legislature, we cut the leadership's budget by $100,000; we went from $300,000 last year to $200,000."

"The members' allocation, for the office individual account, we cut it from $90,000 to $75,000. We also increased the budget for the First [Rota] and Second [Tinian] Senatorial Districts to the tune of $400,000. We gave $10.1 million to Tinian and $9.9 million."

Comments

Palacios and Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) thanked the members of the committee in working to finalize the Senate version, which they are hoping the House would accept so the bill could be signed before Oct. 1, the start of fiscal year 2019.

"…I know sometimes that I become very impatient. But let me say this very briefly that it has been my intent, always been my intent, to have a budget passed today [Thursday], no matter what," said Palacios.

He added that critical issues were also addressed in the Senate version of the bill in order to make sure that funds are also allocated for the utilities.

Santos said she thinks the Senate's version is workable for the CNMI government. [It] provides an increase of funds in areas of vital concern such as PSS, CHCC, DPS, and NMC."

Lawsuit against CNMI govt dismissed

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The lawsuit filed against the CNMI by a man who was injured in an accident involving a government vehicle back in 2015 was dismissed without prejudice last Wednesday.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho granted the Commonwealth's motion to dismiss the case without prejudice based on deficiencies found in Palacios' notice of claims.

Palacios sued the CNMI after a government vehicle that was being driven by John Duenas San Nicolas allegedly caused Palacios several injuries.

However, Palacios failed to provide a sum for monetary damages to accompany the notice of claims that he filed with the Office of the Attorney General.

Dismissed without prejudice means Palacios is allowed to re-file the case, to make it compliant with the Government Liability Act.

The Government Liability Act governs claims against the Commonwealth government.

Palacios has since been granted 60 days to resubmit his claim to the Attorney General's Office.

Palacios filed the lawsuit against John Duenas San Nicolas in 2015 over a vehicular accident that happened along Chalan Pale Arnold Road on May 27, 2014.

According to the lawsuit, Palacios was traveling south on the inner lane of Chalan Pale Arnold and was turning left to the Commonwealth Health Center.

San Nicolas, who was driving a government vehicle, was allegedly travelling very fast and hit Palacios' vehicle.

Palacios sued San Nicolas for reckless, careless, and negligent driving.

FSM

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"The POEA governing board resolves to impose a total ban on the processing and deployment of workers to the Federated States of Micronesia," according to the resolution released Tuesday.

The order was issued at the recommendation of Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs because of reports of maltreatment of Filipino workers.

It cited as an example the reports back in June 2017 of maltreatment and abuses that led to the POEA blacklisting the Chuuk State Hospital.

"The DFA strongly recommends the total ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to the Federated States of Micronesia unless it settles the unresolved cases and improves the working condition of OFWs," the agency said.

It also noted the absence of the required certification from the concerned Philippine post that would allow the deployment of Filipino workers there.

"The DFA relayed to the POEA that the Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam did not issue a certification to the Federated State of Micronesia for the deployment of [Filipino workers]," it added.

A Philippine law, called Republic Act 10022, provides that the DFA, through its foreign post, shall issue a certification to the POEA, specifying the particular provisions of the receiving country's labor/social law, or the convention/declaration/resolution, or the bilateral agreement/arrangement that shall protect the rights of Filipino workers before allowing deployment.

There are reportedly more than 2,000 Filipino workers in FSM. ***(PNA)***

CEC

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is withdrawing his candidacy.

"We have not heard from his end," Igitol said.

She pointed out that, since Atalig is only charged and not yet convicted, he is still a candidate.

Igitol said CEC has no action until Atalig's cases are done or end up with a conviction before the election.

Saipan Tribune asked the 57-year-old Atalig last Wednesday if he is withdrawing his candidacy because of his cases, but the mayor refused to comment.

An indictment filed in the District Court charged Atalig with one count of wire fraud. At the arraignment last Wednesday, he pleaded not guilty. The jury trial will be on Oct. 16, 2018.

In the Superior Court case, the Office of the Attorney General charged Atalig and seven other Rota municipal officials each with one count of theft and one count of misconduct in public office. The arraignment will be on Sept. 28, 2018.

The allegation is that Atalig arranged a government-funded trip from Rota to Guam for himself and 12 others on a false claim that he was going to check for surplus equipment at the Naval Base in Guam.

The indictment alleged that Atalig actually went to Guam to participate in a political rally of the GOP last June 23 in Mangilao. The mayor is a Republican.

The two cases stemmed from the same political rally.

MARPI

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Quality] for closure," he said.

Currently, DPW is still operating Cell 1 until the side slopes of the cell are filled.

"We're currently using the side slope of Cell 1 and the next cell, Cell 2, is already lined but we have to build Cell 3 in order to prevent migration of leeching to the open ground," said Dela Cruz.

He assured that building Cell 3 is already in the process.

Dela Cruz said that DPW will soon open up Cell 2 for use while Cell 3 is being built and lined.

"Hopefully we should be able to use Cell 2 while Cell 3 is being constructed," he said.

When asked how many cells the Marpi landfill can hold, Dela Cruz said the area can hold up to six cells.

"The whole footprint of the land is six cells. Cell 1 and 2 are lined, but Cell 3 is not lined, so that's where we are heading," he said.

In order to free up space in the Marpi landfill, Dela Cruz said that DPW is urging the community to bring in their recyclables to the DPW recycling center and transfer station in Lower Base.

Dela Cruz said the transfer station can take recyclable items like scrap metal, cardboard, paper, plastic, e-waste, tires, household appliances, and more.

DPW is currently preparing to ship out bundles of recyclables like cardboard, plastic, scrap metal, and e-waste that have been sitting at the transfer station since Typhoon Soudelor in August 2015.

ZINKE

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week after U.S. Department of Defense deputy assistant secretary for Basing Allison Sands visited Tinian. Zinke's trip brought him to Guam, Papua New Guinea, and Nauru to attend the Pacific Islands Forum. He will also visit American Samoa.

He is joined on these trips by Douglas W. Domenech, assistant secretary for Insular and International Areas; Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton, deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command; Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, Joint Region Mariana commander; National Security Council's Eric Johnson; Office of Insular Affairs director Nik Pula; Department of the Interior's Lt. Greg Knee; and U.S. DoD's Oceania director Amon Killeen.

"The Saipan and Tinian stop are part of a longer trip to emphasize that the Pacific matters. Saipan matters. The U.S.'s pivot [has been] spending more time and resources looking at the Pacific," Zinke told reporters after a wreath-laying ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor.

"It is really about making sure that we have freedom of movement, actions, sovereignty, and choice," he added.

Zinke said the federal government also wants to make sure the U.S. territories like the CNMI could also grow. "Our side is to make sure that outside the fence, the bases, that there's a prosperous economy. To make sure that the economy prospers and that the military is its strategic partner the Pacific and protects national security. It's also to make sure it [territories] has a platform that the economy can thrive. To make sure that Saipan and the Marianas prosper."

Zinke said he wants to assure the territories that the islands are not forgotten. "Because it is important, the frontline of the territories. We want to make sure that you've seen the shining light on the hill, the beacon."

"We want to make sure that this is the shining light at sea too and that the islands are not forgotten. …I'm happy to see that Saipan, the CNMI, is doing well, but there's always an opportunity to do it better."

Torres thanked Zinke for making the effort to visit Saipan, which was part of the U.S. federal delegation's weeklong meetings with Pacific leaders. "Having him here and him seeing our monuments, and [American Memorial Park] is a great honor for all of us. We've also been on Tinian and also toured the island."

"Having him [Zinke] here and seeing our islands, seeing the progress, it makes a big difference. Having someone in his position flying all the way from D.C. and giving us time for a visit."

Torres added that they had also discussed certain issues that are concerns and are happening in the CNMI. "We've been discussing since last night. In fact, he congratulated us for having our CW issue [settled]."

"We talked about waiting for the [CW] rules and regulations from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Some of the challenges we face with our [Chinese and Korean] tourists. How important Asia works here in the CNMI. And how difficult it is to get big companies to come here."

The delegation will also visit Hawaii, before heading back to D.C.

Saipan public library gets Great Stories Club grant

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library has been selected as one of 100 libraries nationwide to take part in the Great Stories Club, a reading and discussion program for underserved teens.

This competitive grant is offered by the American Library Association with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

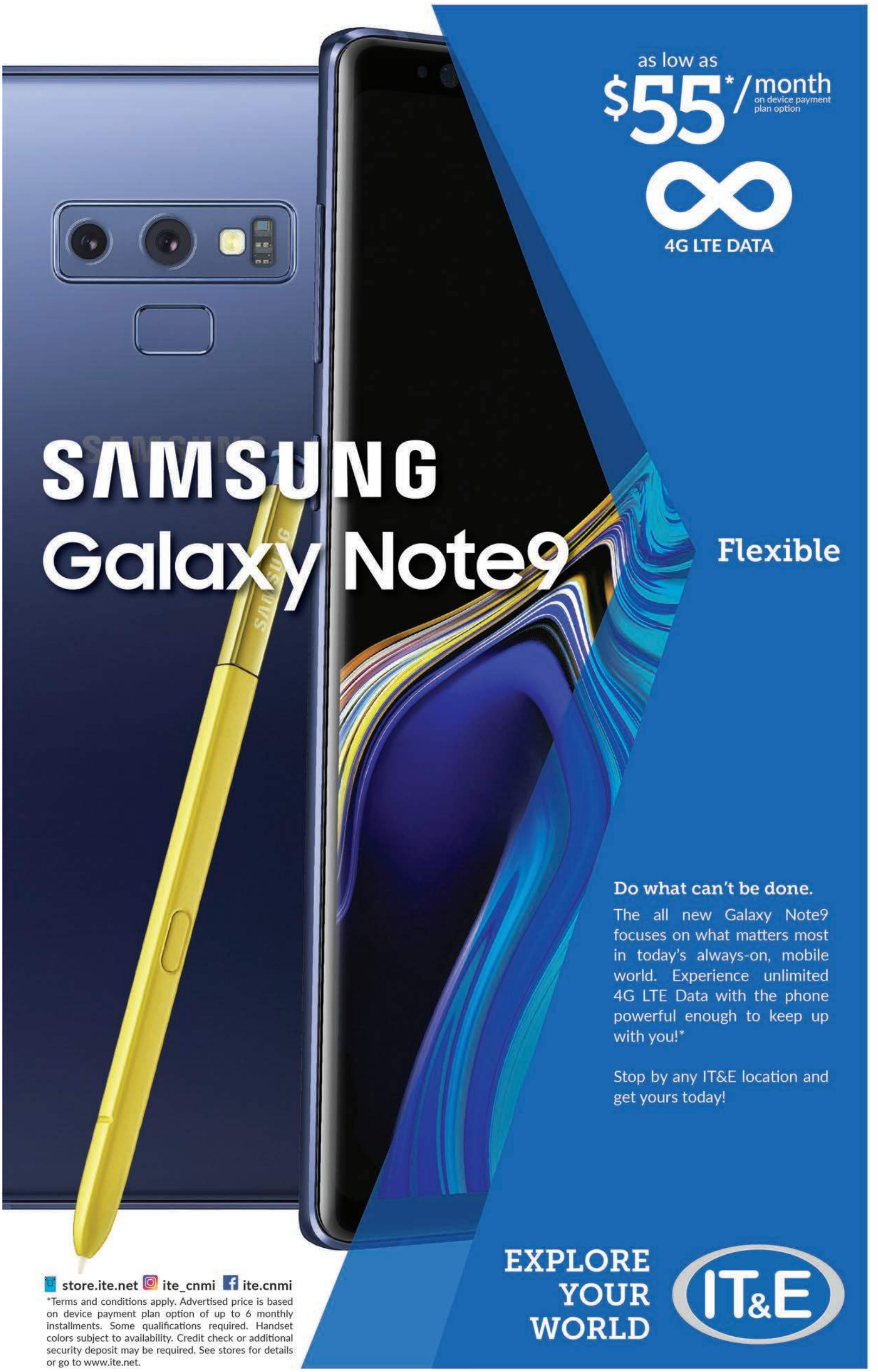
Staff from the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will work with teens to read and discuss stories that explore the concept of empathy and what it means to be a hero.

The books—curated for the themes "Empathy: The Cost of Switching Sides" and "What Makes a Hero? Self, Society and Rising to the Occasion"—will include *Flight* by Sherman Alexie; *Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation* by Octavia Butler, Damian Duffy and John Jennings; *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely; *Stuck in Neutral* by Terry Trueman; *Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet, Book 1* by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Brian Stelfreeze; *Maus II: A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began* by Art Spiegelman; *Binti* by Nnedi Okorafor, and *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Bruchac.

The titles were selected in consultation with humanities scholars and librarians to inspire teens—especially those facing difficult circumstances or challenges—to consider "big questions" about the world around them and their place in it, ultimately affecting how they view themselves as thinkers and creators.

As part of the grant, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will receive 11 copies of each of the selected books, which will be gifted to the book club participants. The library will also receive resources and training, including travel and accommodations for an orientation workshop in Chicago. The workshops will include dialogue facilitation training led by consultants to Everyday Democracy and program modeling led by national project scholars Maria Sachiko Cecire (Bard College) and Anna Mae Duane (University of Connecticut).

Gatherings of the Great Stories Club at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will begin in October. More information can be found at cnmilib.org or by contacting 235-READ or emailing emily.jkpl@gmail.com. ***(PR)***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Program builds leadership capacity in US territories

Former Guam public auditor Doris Flores Brooks and former CNMI public auditor Mike Sablan pose with the 2019 cohort of the Executive Leadership Development Program in Guam. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WASHINGTON—With funding support from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, the Executive Leadership Development Program welcomed 28 island government participants to Guam from Aug. 13 to 17, as they embarked on a one-year program of personal and professional development.

The ELDP participants were competitively selected from throughout the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands, representing American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

"[Interior] Secretary Ryan Zinke and I are pleased to support this important program of personal and professional development for these young Pacific Island leaders," said Doug Domenech, assistant secretary, Insular and International Affairs. "We respect sovereignty and the rule of law in an open and free Indo-Pacific. This is accomplished through supporting and encouraging strong and competent Pacific Island leaders, especially among our U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands."

Guam Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio welcomed the ELDP participants to Guam while historian Rev. Francis X. Hezel SJ, reflected with the new cohort on common leadership characteristics of Pacific islanders.

Former Guam public auditor Doris Flores Brooks and former CNMI public auditor Mike Sablan both served as closing panelists for group presentations at the end of the week.

During the first week of leadership training and program orientation, participants reviewed the results of leadership effectiveness inventories, were introduced to their social style, and initiated work on yearlong group projects. Other activities included drafting individual leadership development plans, enhancing public speaking skills, and identifying professional mentors to facilitate professional growth.

Participants in the 2019 cohort of the Executive Leadership Development Program from each of the U.S. territories and the freely associated states in the Pacific are as follow:

American Samoa

■ Katrina Hunkin-Seumanutafa: head of Travel Division, Office of the Attorney General

■ Peteru Lam Yuen: financial aid officer, American Samoa Community College

■ Burg Salanoa: program manager, Community Services Block Grant, Department of Commerce

■ Crystal Simanu: teacher, Department of Education

Guam

■ John Camacho,Jr.: accountant, Department of Administration

■ Travis Carbon: auditor, Internal Audit Office, Department of Education

■ Rodalyn Gerardo: special assistant, Office of Public Accountability

CNMI

■ Michelle Atalig: special advisor, Department of Public Lands

■ Ryan Camacho: technical financial analyst, Department of Finance

■ Janice Anne Castro: director, Division of Coastal Resource Management, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality

■ Patty Coleman: program leader, Nutrition & Health Programs, Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension, & Education Services

■ TaAnn Kabua-Demapan: Drug Court manager, CNMI Judiciary

Federated States of Micronesia government

■ Erick Paul: assistant secretary, National Treasury, FSM Department of Finance

■ Sherlyn Reynold: budget analyst, FSM Department of Education

■ Shaun Suliol: webmaster & system specialist, College of Micronesia

Chuuk State

■ RX Kaminanga: accountant, Chuuk Department of Administrative Services & Finance

■ Wisney Nakayama: representative, Chuuk State Legislature

Kosrae State

■ Julie Sigrah: administrator, Kosrae Visitor's Bureau

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■ Mitaro Simina: vice principal, Student Services, Bailey Olter High School

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■ Isabella Silk: director, Office of Compact Implementation

■ Francyne Wase-Jacklick: assistant secretary, Ministry of Health & Human Services

Republic of Palau

■ Antonnette Merur: director Of Nursing, Ministry of Health

■ Sunny Ngirmang: director, Historic Preservation Office, Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs

■ Tmong Udui: epidemiologist, Ministry of Health

A similar executive leadership program is conducted for participants from the U.S. Virgin Islands. They train in Washington, D.C. and other locations along the East Coast with U.S. federal employees and participate in the Executive Leadership Program managed by the Graduate School USA's Center for Leadership and Management.

This 2019 Pacific cohort is scheduled to meet three more times over the next nine months. Additional information on each participant as well as detailed program information, is available online at http://eldp.pitiviti.org. This is the 6th ELDP program to be funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and administered by the Graduate School USA's Pacific Islands Training Initiative, bringing the total of ELDP graduates from the Pacific and the U.S. Virgin Islands to 153. ***(DOI)***

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Bill seeks to expand e-gaming to Rota, Tinian

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Sen. Steve K. Mesngon (R-Rota) has introduced Senate Bill 20-109 or the Internet Gaming Act of 2018 l that would allow all three senatorial districts in the CNMI to establish and regulate internet gaming.

The bill states that internet gaming, when regulated, does not pose risks to health, safety, and welfare compared to other forms of properly licensed gambling.

"The Legislature finds that whether or not to allow internet gaming can be authorized either with Commonwealth-wide law or in senatorial districts that have established gambling pursuant to Article 21, Section 1 of the [CNMI] Constitution," as stated on S.B. 20-109. "The Legislature further finds internet gaming that is accessible by individuals in jurisdictions in which internet gaming is legal will provide a source of revenue that is independent of tourist arrivals."

Mesngon said internet gambling under federal law is allowed based on the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, provided that security features are followed to prevent access to minors and individuals in jurisdictions where gambling is illegal.

"The Legislature finds that in light of available geolocation security, the senatorial districts should be entitled to decide whether or not to authorize Internet gaming within their respective municipalities," states the bill. "The Legislature finds that the gambling provisions of the Criminal Code set forth at 6 CMC Section 3151 *et seq*. are inconsistent and conflict with the authority of each senatorial district's authority to regulate gaming pursuant to Article 21 Section 1 of the [CNMI] Constitution."

In separate news, Sens. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) have introduced respective pieces of legislation: S.B. 20-107 and 20-108.

S.B. 20-107 hopes to amend 2 CMC Section 3551that would give the expenditure authority, management, and control of solid waste sub-accounts for the First (Rota) and Second (Tinian and Aguijan) senatorial districts to both mayors of each municipality.

S.B. 20-107 wants the expenditure authority given to the mayors of both municipalities in order to speed up the disbursement of funds and procurement of services.

Igisomar's legislation, 20-108, aims to give an employee clinical administrative leave recognizing the efforts made by the U.S. Department of Labor in promoting a healthy working environment and, at the same time, balance the needs of a workplace, family time, and personal health through the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Weightlifting Federation meeting on Saturday

The CNMI Weightlifting Federation invites all persons interested in the sport of weightlifting to an open meeting to be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, starting at 10:30am at the NMPASI conference room in Gualo Rai, Saipan. Discussion at the meeting will focus on plans, ideas, and goals for the promotion and participation of CNMI weightlifters in upcoming international weightlifting competitions and the 2021 Micro Games.

For more information, contact John Davis at 789-9211 or by email at johnhdavisjr@gmail.com or Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807 or by email at jeanneesq@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

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3 NMI residents are honored for role in creating JNMDA

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REPORTER

Vincent Seman, Japanese-Northern Marianas Descent Association chair Norman Tenorio, and David Sablan Sr. after Wednesday's awarding ceremony at the Japanese Consular Office on Saipan.

The Japanese Consulate General in Guam presented three individuals in the CNMI with awards—two of whom are Japanese descent—for their significant contributions to the creation of the Japanese-Northern Marianas Descent Association.

Japanese Consul General for Guam Izumi Seki presented the awards to David Sablan Sr., Vincent J. Seman, and JNMDA's first chairman, Norman T. Tenorio, for their roles in the creation of the JNMDA. The presentation of awards took place at the Japan Consul in the CNMI.

Seki noted that Sablan first initiated the founding of the association, while Tenorio led the group as its first chairman. Seman, a lawyer, secured the requirements to register the association as a non-profit organization in the CNMI.

Seki referred to Sablan as a "Japanese at heart," despite his not being of Japanese descent.

"[Sablan] studied very hard in Japanese school on Saipan until fifth grade under the Japanese administration," Seki noted in her congratulatory address. "I heard you were very good at abacus and still remember and speak Japanese. So nobody denies you are very much alike the Japanese and is a Japanese at heart," she said.

In her message to Tenorio, whose grandmother was from the Gunma prefecture in Japan, she said: "I hope the association will be active and develop under your leadership."

Seman, whose grandmother was from the Yamagata prefecture, where many Japanese came from during the Japanese administration, was thanked for his efforts in registering the association as a non-profit in the CNMI. He, however, holds no position at the association.

"I wish you will take a key position and continue to support the association," Seki said.

In an interview, Tenorio said the association would be convening soon. As of publication, Tenorio noted that they have over 20 members already.

"We have already conducted two meetings," Tenorio said, noting that the association is still in the recruitment phase. The association's next meeting is on Sept. 15, 2018, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library conference room.

"We are still trying to get more people to join and are looking for more young people to join the association," he said.

Tenorio said he looks forward to having a charter on Rota and Tinian in the future, once the association is well organized on Saipan. Currently, the association is still looking for a place to set up office.

"It takes time to disseminate information on the association, but we have been doing it through the internet," he said, adding that locals who are interested in joining the association but are not of Japanese-descent are welcome to join.

Bordallo offshore wind measure passes congressional committee

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The House Committee on Natural Resources unanimously passed yesterday Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo's bill to authorize offshore wind energy development in the all five U.S. territories.

The Natural Resources Committee unanimously reported H.R.6665, or the "Offshore Wind for Territories Act," to the full House of Representatives for consideration.

The bill is supported by all five members of Congress representing U.S. territories—Reps. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR), Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen (R-AS), Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Stacey E. Plaskett (D-VI)—and Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL) from Florida.

During a June 26 Subcommittee hearing, representatives of the offshore wind industry and the U.S. Department of the Interior testified in support of Bordallo's bill.

Current federal law (*Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act*) precludes the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management from allowing offshore wind farms in federal waters off the coasts of American Samoa, Guam the Northern Mariana Island, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BID

CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING LOT FOR SISTER REMEDIOS COMMUNITY CENTER

Karidat is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the construction of a parking lot for the Sister Remedios Community Center located on Chalan Kanoa Drive in Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan.

Scope of work is available beginning August 23, 2018 at the Karidat Administration Office at the Sister Remedios Community Center. Requests may be sent via email to Judith Pangelinan at judypangelinan@karidat.org.

Questions or requests for clarification must be in writing and addressed to Ms. Judith I. Pangelinan and may be sent via email at judypangelinan@karidat.org no later than September 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM. Response to questions will be no later than September 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

The Award of this project is contingent upon final approval the Karidat Board of Directors.

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sister Remedios Community Center Parking Lot" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the Karidat Administration Office at the Sister Remedios Community Center located on Chalan Kanoa Drive in Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan, no later than September 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM, at which time the bids will be publically opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

/s/ Lauri B. Ogumoro
Executive Director

/s/ Judith I. Pangelinan
Administrative Officer

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-001-19

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the Perimeter Fence Replacement at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ are to be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, via hand delivery, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.engr@pticom.com and wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, October 5, 2018, 5:00 p.m., local time.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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Date: September 6, 2018

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SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 14, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 11 G 336, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 788 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check no. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Record's File no. 93-4414, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Office of Michael A. Whtie, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Island. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern and conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 10th day of August, 2018:

MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

McDonald's donates $1,000 to MINA

Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance program director Becky Furey, second from left, poses with McDonald's Saipan VP Marcia Ayuyu, third left, MINA board vice chair Somia T. Quan, fourth left, and McDonald's Saipan executive assistant Mable Ayuyu, second left, at the McDonald's Chalan Laulau branch last Wednesday.

ERWIN ENCINARES

McDonald's Saipan has come forward to support the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance's largest fundraising event, the Green Gala.

McDonald's Saipan executive secretary Mable Ayuyu said last Tuesday at McDonald's' Chalan Laulau branch that the fastfood chain donated $1,000 to MINA.

She noted that McDonald's has been implementing environment-friendly policies such as the usage of recycled materials for their food packaging. "Fifty percent of our packaging comes from sustainable resources. …Our goal is 100 percent of our packaging to come from renewable resources, or recycled and certified sources," Ayuyu said.

The most recent change was implemented on their breakfast items. Breakfast bases for rice platters and other breakfast items are not made out of foam anymore.

"Supporting the Green Gala is another way for us to show we support [MINA's] efforts and challenge ourselves to do the same," she said.

MINA program manager Becky Furey noted that all contribution support their programs, programs that empower communities for conservation. "One hundred percent of the funds raised [in the Green Gala] go to support MINA, whether it is to our programs, our operations, and other general funding," she noted.

The theme for this year's Green Gala is the International Year of the Reef, or IYOR.

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EPA funding three more CUC projects for $5.8M

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is funding three more projects on Saipan with an estimated total cost of $5.8 million that will increase the reliability of 24-hour water service in San Vicente, As Lito, Chinatown homestead, and other areas.

EPA inspector John Tinger disclosed in court documents that EPA is funding the San Vicente storage tank project, with a projected cost of $3.3 million; the Chinatown homestead waterline replacement project, with an estimated cost of $1.1 million; and the As Lito water main project, with a cost of $1.4 million.

In the San Vicente project, Tinger said the existing corroded steel tank will be replaced with a pre-stressed concrete tank.

It is a 500,000-gallon capacity tank serving the southern area of Saipan and is a critical component to continue serving San Vicente customers with 24-hour water. Tinger said the project is currently in the design phase.

About the Chinatown homestead area project, Tinger said the old asbestos concrete water lines, which are severely leaking, will be replaced.

He said the current water lines prevent the area from getting 24-hour water. Tinger said the project is currently in the design phase.

With respect to the As Lito water main project, Tinger said 23,500 linear feet of waterlines and valves have been replaced.

He said the corroded waterlines were negatively affecting the ability of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to provide 24-hour water due to extensive leaks.

CUC has substantially completed this project.

EPA is funding two other CUC projects with an estimated total cost of $2.73 million in Gualo Rai and in Fina Sisu by replacing old and leaking water lines to provide 24-hour water supply to customers.

Last week, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter, and CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho led the ribbon-cutting for the completed As Terlaje water tank at the Northern Marianas College. The new tank will provide water service to a large portion of the west side of Saipan. EPA funded the tank project for $6,151,435, while CUC provided $680,000. The total construction cost was $4,940,237.

Tinger is EPA's designated project coordinator of stipulated order No. 1, which focuses on drinking water and wastewater and the restructuring of CUC's organization. It requires CUC to have an EPA-approved comprehensive drinking water and wastewater master plan to determine infrastructure needs and to provide a long-term plan for CUC's drinking water and wastewater system improvements.

For the first time, 100 percent of Saipan residents had a 24-hour water supply last month, according to CUC water/wastewater division manager Gary Byra.

In 2006 or prior to the entry of SO1, only 26 percent of the Saipan population experienced continuous 24-hour drinking water service.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW18-RFP-009

DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF THE MARPO HEIGHTS II PAVING, TINIAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works are soliciting sealed proposals for the **Design and Environmental Clearance of the Marpo Heights II Paving, Tinian** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Esther S. Fleming, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after **August 24, 2018** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214, Saipan.

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time **September 12, 2018** at the **Tinian Mayor Office** Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **September 21, 2018**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with **§70-30.3-305** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, 2004 ed. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 25%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 35%
4. Schedule of Completion – 15%

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. Fee proposals are solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified Firms. Fee proposals may be used in determing a fair and reasonable price.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, *cannot* submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW18-RFP-009"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and nine (9) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 26, 2018** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 26, 2018**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 26, 2018** AND must be received no later than **October 5, 2018.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

USDOL launches H-2B education initiative in hotel industry

WASHINGTON, D.C.— To ensure compliance with federal wage laws, the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division is conducting a nationwide initiative to strengthen compliance with the labor provisions of the H-2B temporary visa program in the hotel industry.

The initiative includes providing compliance assistance tools and information to employers and stakeholders, as well as conducting investigations of employers using this program. A key component of the investigations is ensuring that employers recruit U.S. workers before applying for permission to employ temporary nonimmigrant workers.

"Any employer seeking workers under this program must be ready and willing to hire qualified U.S. applicants first," said Bryan Jarrett, Wage and Hour Division acting administrator. "This initiative demonstrates our commitment to safeguard American jobs, level the playing field for law-abiding employers, and protect guest workers from being paid less than they are legally owed or otherwise working under substandard conditions."

Last year, WHD investigations found more than $105 million in back wages for more than 97,000 workers in industries with a high prevalence of H-2B workers, including the hotel industry.

The H-2B nonimmigrant program permits employers to temporarily hire nonimmigrant workers from outside the United States to perform nonagricultural labor or services in the United States. The employment must be of a temporary nature for a limited period of time such as a one-time occurrence, seasonal need, peak load need, or intermittent need. Many hotels use H-2B workers to fill a need for seasonal workers.

Before employers can be approved to request guest workers under the H-2B program, they must file an application with the department stating that:

An insufficient number of U.S. employees are qualified, and available to work; and

The employment of nonimmigrant, temporary workers will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of similarly employed U.S. workers.

For more information about the labor provisions of the H-2B program and other laws enforced by the division, contact the toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). Information is also available at www.dol.gov/whd. ***(PR)***

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Saipan Awaodori collects almost 600 lbs of garbage

Members of the Saipan Awaodori collected close to 600 lbs of trash during their monthly cleanup of Garapan last Saturday.

The cleanup, spearheaded by Misako Kamata, the chief executive officer and director of PDM Promoters Inc., picked up trash in the Paseo de Marianas area, along alleys between Coral Tree Avenue, Beach Road, and American Memorial Park.

The group, consisting of 10 Saipan Awaodori members along with five Kinpachi Restaurant staff, collected 580 lbs of trash from 9am to 11am.

"One of our missions is to clean, educate, and involve the local children through volunteerism," Kinpachi Restaurant manager Sonia Siwa noted in an email to *Saipan Tribune*. "Our cleanup last Sept. 1, 2018, was supposed to be for our August cleanup."

According to Siwa, the weather was not too cooperative in August, causing the group to postpone the cleanup of the area.

The group would be joining the International Coastal Cleanup of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality on Sept. 15.

"We appreciate the relentless help and monetary support of our two major sponsors: T-Galleria Saipan and the TSL Foundation, as well as BECQ and the Department of Public Works Division of Solid Waste Management for waiving the fee of trash disposal," she said. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

IN CASE OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL

OPD wants to see docs relied on by police witness

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Office of the Public Defender wants the Office of the Attorney General to produce, prior to resuming the preliminary hearing, the police records and documents containing statements made by a 15-year-old girl who is the alleged victim of a sexual abuse.

Assistant public defender Jean Pierre Nogues, counsel for Peter Fritz Lizama, asked the Superior Court to order the OAG to provide the documents that police detective Wally Emul said he reviewed to familiarize himself with the case prior to testifying.

Nogues said in the context of a preliminary hearing, the interest of justice requires production of, at a minimum, the police report, witness statements, and physical evidence to the defense prior to the preliminary hearing.

Lizama, 22, is charged with four counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

A preliminary hearing began last Aug. 20. According to Nogues, as of the preliminary hearing, the only materials the prosecution had provided to the defense were the declaration of probable cause and the information.

At the preliminary hearing, Emul testified, among other things, that he would be able to refresh his memory if the case file was made available to him at the hearing.

At that point, the defense counsel moved for the production of the relevant materials.

This prompted Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho to adjourn the preliminary hearing. It will resume today, Friday, at 10:30am.

In the motion to compel production of police records that he filed last week, Nogues said that failure to provide the materials prior to the preliminary hearing would make it impossible for anyone to determine the reliability of the witness.

"It appears the prosecution in the CNMI typically relies not only on hearsay, but on layers and layers of hearsay to establish probable cause," he said.

Nogues said this was certainly the case here, where Emul testified as to statements made by a witness to another officer outside of Emul's presence.

He said there can be no question that providing the defense with the police reports, witness statements, and physical evidence prior to the preliminary hearing would aid in the evaluation of the credibility of hearsay statements.

Second, Nogues said, the defense cannot adequately cross-examine or impeach the witness without the benefit of the materials underlying the basis for the witness' knowledge.

He said Emul testified he reviewed the reports prepared by other personnel who participated in the investigation.

Nogues said the detective even testified that there may be inconsistencies between what is actually contained in those reports and what he recollected of them on the record.

Police arrested Lizama last month for allegedly sexually abusing the girl who was then sleeping in her bedroom on Saipan.

Police said that during an interview, Lizama cried and confessed having sex with the girl.

The girl told police that it was the seventh time that Lizama sexually abused her and that the previous incidents happened in 2015.

$2.8M for Kannat Tabla drainage project

The Federal Emergency Management Agency approved Tuesday $2.78 million for the second phase of the Kannat Tabla flood control and drainage project under the CNMI Department of Public Works.

"Since Typhoon Soudelor, we have been prioritizing mitigation projects to effectively prepare against natural disasters and emergencies. This particular mitigation project will eliminate, reduce, and effectively control flash floods and erosion in Kannat Tabla," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. "The project will collect stormwater runoff from the road and convey it to the existing quarry where it is expected to infiltrate. This is part of our ongoing efforts to fix many of our roads such as Kannat Tabla so that they don't become hazards during or after a typhoon or tropical storm."

The project includes building a four-foot wide concrete swale to collect runoff and installing drainage pipes under the road. A series of catch basins will be installed to direct flows from the road into the drainage pipe, relocate some power poles, remove some vegetation, and adjust water lines.

The result of the project is to mitigate floods, erosion and runoff by building a sizable drainage system and other structures to divert the water to the quarry site, said Virginia Villagomez, the Governor's authorized representative. ***(PR)***

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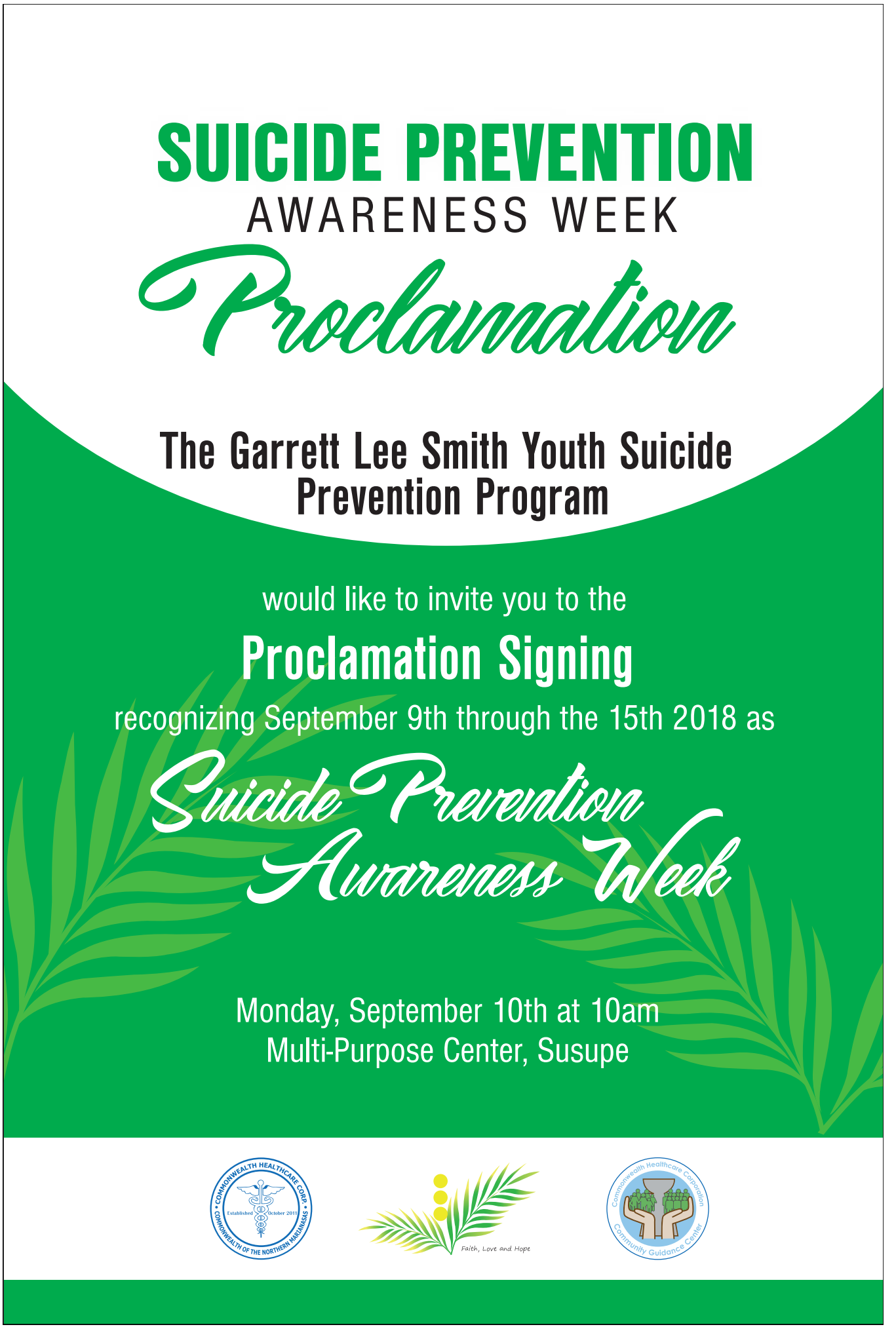

Mariana Trench monument photo exhibit to open

The Friends of the Mariana Trench, together with the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be hosting a photo exhibit featuring 32 photos from the Mariana Trench.

The ribbon-cutting officially opening the exhibit will be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan at 10am on Friday, Sept.7, 2018.

"We are really excited to see this project come to life," said Ignacio V. Cabrera, Friends of the Mariana Trench chairman. "Our goal with this exhibit is to give our community and tourists a way to interact with our monument and learn more about what we have there."

An underwater robot—a remotely-operated vehicle called *Deep Discoverer*—made daily dives from 250 to 6,000 meters and provided live video feedback to scientists aboard the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship *Okeanos Explorer*. The photos in this exhibit are still-captures from video footage obtained during those dives. Several possible new species were found during this mission.

"This is fantastic, and we applaud the Friends of the Mariana Trench Monument for undertaking this initiative to bring the monument to the CNMI community using the *Okeanos Explorer* information and images from the Marianas expedition," said Heidi Hirsh, natural resource specialist with Marine National Monuments Program in Hawaii.

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The exhibit was coordinated by Laurie Peterka for the Friends of the Mariana Trench and funded by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All images are courtesy of the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research, 2016 Deepwater Exploration of the Marianas. Image printing and framing were donated by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Gloria Cavanaugh, HANMI chairwoman, said, "The HANMI is pleased to be involved in showcasing to our people and to our tourist the beauty of the CNMI. We tend to take advantage of the fact that we are surrounded by the deepest waters in the world. Without the *Okeanos Explorer* project, the beauty in our waters would never have been discovered. We are thankful to NOAA and the Pew Charitable Trusts for bringing these rare images for us and our guests to enjoy."

The *Okeanos Explorer* conducted exploration missions of the Mariana Trench in 2016.

The exhibit will move between HANMI member hotels for 24 months and be shared with community outreach partners on request. Inquiries can be directed to Laurie Peterka at marianamonument@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Power outage on Monday in Papago

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Monday, Sept. 10, from 9am to noon in Papago.

The sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 4 distribution circuit will affect Isa Drive, Papago Drive, Ahigaga Drive, Palm Tree Place, Maipe Lane, Pengua Place, Tangan Tangan Drive, Dagga Place, and Fresko Place.

No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected. Two power poles will be replaced.

The outage will allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. linemen to do maintenance work on the power distribution system by replacing two deteriorated wooden power poles with new wooden poles along Isa Drive in Papago village.

The task is part of CUC's maintenance program aimed at hardening and strengthening the electric power grid through the replacement of deteriorated power poles and electrical hardware.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilities-Cotporation/). ***(CUC)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-18

PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PORT OF SAIPAN

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of security cameras and surveillance systems at the Port of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning August 17, 2018 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of Security Cameras and Surveillance System, Port of Saipan, Project No. CPA-RFP-011-18". One original and three copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA Seaport Conference Room located at the Port of Saipan on August 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Ports Manager, Rodney James Taisacan to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the surveillance cameras and systems are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.
CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

This Project is funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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PASSENGER LOADING BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SERVICE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT/PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced companies, corporations, and/or firms to provide the CPA with Passenger Loading Bridge Maintenance Services. The Executive Director determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC § 40-50-225(a)).

All works shall take place at the Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning August 24, 2018, at the Executive Director's Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan Int. Airport. The proposer shall guarantee that all contents of their proposal shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days from the due date of proposals.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will take place on September 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the CPA conference room, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building for questions and/or clarifications on this project. Proposals will only be accepted from those proposers who attended this meeting.

Proposers are to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of their proposals to the Office of the Executive Director no later than 4:00 PM, September 21, 2018.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects of said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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NMI Museum updates

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NMI MUSEUM:

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MUSEUM OF HISTORY & CULTURE

It has been 1 year since I assumed the position as Executive Director and the journey has been very difficult and challenging. My staff and I have been working diligently to maintain the level of cleanliness in the museum, the maintenance of the building and grounds, exhibits and displays.

I would like to provide the public with an update as to the museum and the projects that are ongoing and some concerns and unfounded rumors that are being spread in social media.

MUSEUM HOURS OF OPERATION:

The museum is open to the general public with the following hours of operation: Monday to Friday 9am-11am and 1pm to 4pm. There is a 3-dollar admission for adults and 1-dollar admission for children.

RUMORS ABOUT THE CONCEPCION COLLECTION AND OTHER ARTIFACTS

For months, there has been a few individuals making baseless claims on social media and using the museum as a political tool alleging that the Concepcion collection (gold) is missing or misplaced. This allegation is completely false, malicious and disheartening because of all the positive transformation that has taken place at the museum.

As Executive Director, it is my responsibility to safeguard any and all property, artifacts and collections the museum possesses. As a result of damaged display cases, eaten by the termite infestation or inadequate locks, I determined that it was in the best interest to secure the Concepcion gold until such time that adequate displays can be secured and other security mechanisms were in place.

Damaged Concepcion Gold Display Case

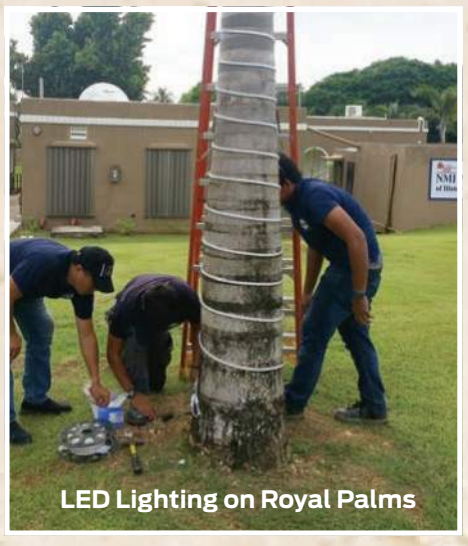
The Concepcion gold has been stored in an "undisclosed location" and was never stored in the museum. I apologize to the people who visited the museum to see the gold but instead saw an empty display case. This decision although not popular was the best and safest decision that I made not Mr. Robert Hunter.

The safety of my staff and the contents and the priceless artifacts have always been my primary concern. The contents, collections and exhibits that were here when I assume the position as Executive Director are in the museum OR at the designated place being safely held. Anything that was water damaged or eaten by termites were all documented along with the gold that was removed from the display cases.

OUTDOOR GROUNDS ENHANCED AND OLD JAPANESE WATER TANKS REPAIRED

The two Japanese water tanks have been restored. The Japanese tanks used to have holes on the surface and posed a hazard for everyone venturing to walk on top of the tanks. The outdoor grounds recently received and enhanced look with the addition of LED rope lighting on its 19 Royal Palm trees. These trees are lit every night and the goal is to continue to enhance the grounds promoting the museum especially the grounds for corporate, wedding, or fundraising events.

Old Japanese Water Tank



LED Lighting on Royal Palms

CONTINUED PROGRESS

The museum will continue the progress on restoring the old laboratory building. We are anticipating the funding from MVA and the pending bill (HB 20-170 "Container Tax") that is currently in the Senate that will provide the museum with stable funding for its continued operation.

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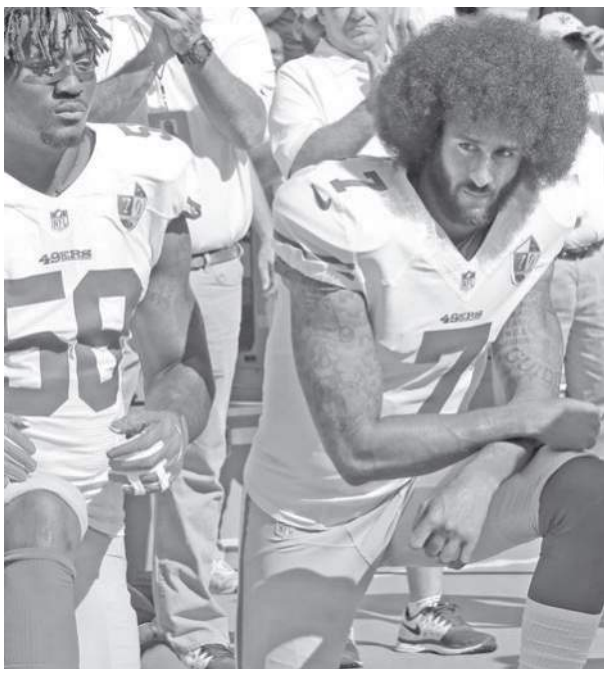
Kneeling for Nike: Corporate speech's friends and foes



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San Francisco 49ers outside linebacker Eli Harold (58) and quarterback Colin Kaepernick (7) take a knee during the national anthem before a game against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Nike's marketing executives have laced up and jumped into the culture wars, embracing NFL pariah Colin Kaepernick in their latest ad campaign.

More power to them, we say. But don't pretend the $120 billion company is making anything but a business decision.

Some so-called conservatives, livid at the show of solidarity with a man who they think is protesting the national anthem—he's not, and has said so a thousand times!—are throwing sneakers on bonfires in protest. (Protip: If you're really that upset, donate them to Goodwill instead.)

Mind you, these are the very same people who celebrate corporate political speech and scorn boycotts of companies whose positions happen to align with their beliefs.

Meantime, some on the left who today celebrate Nike have wasted breath over many years claiming corporations don't have First Amendment rights. Nonsense.

Welcome to the world we live in: Corporations glom onto causes. Often it's purely to protect their interests; sometimes it's to associate themselves with a position, with a patina of principle. But—spoiler—it's always really about money.

And just as they speak with theirs, consumers can speak with ours. That's how the game is played in a nation where everything, yes everything, is now political.

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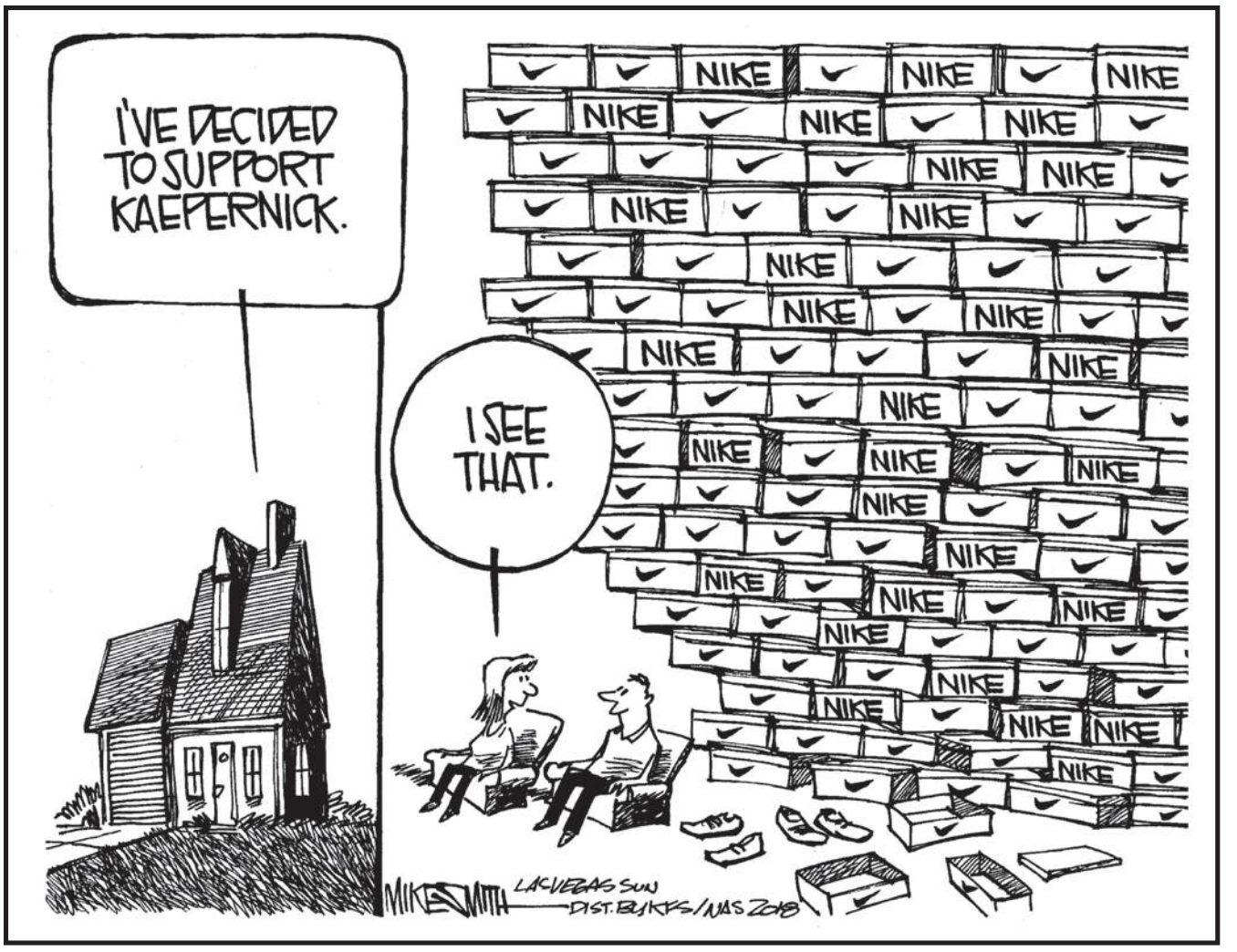

What a difference a good neighbor makes

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Whispers from our neighbors' garden used to climb into our yard along with their ivy.

My mother, putting her fingers to her lips in the universal signal for silence, would cuddle with me as we sat perfectly still and listened to the neighbor lady gossip with her sister, who lived a few blocks away, or with one of her friends who'd show up for cake and coffee.

My mother would've been happy for an invitation into those conversations. She would have liked to consider the older woman a friend and confidant. But our neighbor didn't find us to her taste: She considered my mother, who was shy, circumspect and nervous about her accent, unfriendly. We found out that much by listening in.

From experiences like that one, I learned from an early age to be wary of neighbors—and, like my mom, to yearn for welcoming ones.

Because the relationship relies on a complex mix of fate and free will, your neighbors can fall somewhere between family and friends: You didn't quite personally choose to have a bond with them—but you do. Sharing space—whether it's a particleboard wall so thin you can hear when your neighbor coughs, a backyard fence over which shared honeysuckle grows or the river defining your thousand acres from your neighbor's contiguous property—is a bond just as sharing a parent is a bond.

You might decide to ignore it, but it's still there.

After all, something brought you together. Whether choosing to settle in briefly or settle down long term, it is based on factors such as availability, cost, convenience, amenities and whether Wi-Fi is included.

I once lived next to loathsome people. I didn't know if they were running a circus, a brothel, a rodeo or all three out of their one-bedroom apartment, but they were doing something repugnant, which, from the sound of it, might well have been slanted toward the diabolical. What was worse, they did it loud and all the time.

Whatever you think I'm complaining about, it wasn't that. It wasn't just loud and odd sex or seriously weird visitors or screeching guitars in the middle of the night. Those activities they saved for major religious holidays. Whatever they did the rest of the time involved breaking glass, the smell of flame-retardant materials coming dangerously close to their ignition points and expletive-heavy yelling between adults.

Naturally the cops came all the time because the whole building reported these incidents. I wasn't their only neighbor. There were folks on either side and across the hall, as well as below and above.

The off-site landlords didn't spend too much time handling complaints from low-paying tenants. The police did all they could, but apart from checking on safety and issuing warnings, there wasn't much the officers could do. They were handling bigger issues.

As the months went by, the bad neighbors were having a curious effect: They were bringing the good neighbors together. It wasn't healthy, because we were all moaning and griping and gnashing our teeth, but we were doing it collectively over cheap wine and snacks at various people's tiny apartments, ones we'd have otherwise never seen. I felt guilty, as did others, because the glass-shattering tenants must have had problems, but a newfound sense of camaraderie, as well as plain old fear, eclipsed my good Samaritan impulses.

Then, one day, the bad neighbors moved out with more noise,

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Name that chemical: "Curcumin"

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You should never take health advice from some random dude sitting in a beach chair, especially if he has potato chip crumbs on his shirt. But, don't worry, I've got no advice to give, just a few observations about something called turmeric and a related chemical, curcumin.

Turmeric is a spice that's supposed to be good for you. It's yellow and it's what gives curry its color. It is related to the ginger plant and, in fact, the word for turmeric in Chinese is "yellow ginger."

It is said to reduce inflammation. We're apparently vulnerable to inflammation without even knowing it. So we might look OK on the outside, but our gizzards, or whatever internal workings keep the lights on, can be inflamed anyway. Many serious health problems are said to be rooted in chronic inflammation.

Now, you're probably going to ask me, "Said by whom?" Well, I will answer that. It was said by some guy I once heard on a late-night radio show. And he wasn't just any guy. He was, as a matter of fact, a very convincing guy.

I forgot all about that particular convincing guy for a while, but I soon noticed that normal, everyday people were talking about turmeric. It's got quite a following as an herbal health supplement. Well, if the smart, sophisticated folks were buying this stuff, typically as 1-lb. tubs of ground turmeric root, I sure didn't want to get left behind. So I bought a tub of the stuff, too.

Thus began my turmeric regimen. And thus ended it, too. I never figured out a way to conveniently consume the stuff. Just stir it into a cup of something, they said. Well, I insist on keeping coffee just that, coffee, but I did try turmeric in my tea. I have lots of tea, because I prefer coffee. People give me tea, because I prefer coffee. So this turmeric things was an excuse to balance my inventory. Unfortunately, this experiment didn't do either the tea or the turmeric any favors.

Now what? Put it in soup, they said. Egads, we've gone from being a mere supplement to being a driving force behind meal planning. No, thanks.

I do have a practical solution, though: doughnuts. If Winchell's could mix turmeric into a doughnut, the problem would be solved.

After my 1-lb. container of turmeric found its way to the nook of the pantry where I keep spare faucet washers and a 22-year-old jar of pimentos, an article in *Forbes* crossed my desk. *Forbes* mentioned that UCLA had done a study related to turmeric, so I looked up some of UCLA's Web postings.

The active ingredient of turmeric, or at least the main active ingredient, is something called "curcumin." According to UCLA, only 5 percent to 10 percent of turmeric is curcumin. UCLA had very positive things to say about the health effects of curcumin.

There are various issues pertaining to "absorption" and " bioavailability" of curcumin. Just because you eat it doesn't mean your body is going to make full use of it. Since UCLA's scope of interest here was brain health, bioavailability is a tougher nut to crack, because our brains are well-filtered from the usual junk circulating in our bodies. So the University of California Regents and Veteran's Affairs developed and patented a technique to improve curcumin's bioavialability for the brain. They licensed this process, called "Longvida," to an outfit called Verdure Sciences.

How this specific context meshes with the general health context is an issue I've yet to resolve. Would a Longvida-process curcumin capsule be a better general supplement than a teaspoon or two of turmeric powder? I don't know. It's certainly an option for those so inclined, and I've noticed that several brands of curcumin capsules are on the market.

Anyway, that's where we are with the turmeric and curcumin thing.

If you've got any wisdom, you can send it along. With you, UCLA, and, hopefully, Winchell's on the case, I know this matter is in very good hands.

In the meantime, as you can see, I've still got a half-bag of potato chips to keep me occupied. Here, have a few. As the French say: "A Sante!" To health!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An elegy for Ray

I knew Raymond Nakazato from my Speech Communications class at the Northern Marianas College. We always had a great time joking with each another. He'd make fun of my bald head; I'd always say he may be in the same boat because of his habit of wearing a hat to class. His sense of humor, smile, and attitude always made my day. He shouldn't be gone, yet he is, and the pain of his absence is overwhelming. I hope this poem will help me and Ray's family cope with his passing.

'Heart for Ray'

it's too heavy
full of blood in the same story
i didn't do enough to belong
only people through pinholes make it
the ones who move mountains with belief
the unborn too young
they have a chance
my muscled drum weighed against a hawk's flight over clouds
i wish to tuck under my arms
be above everything
before they realize my charade
getting in a with a heart-shaped box
filled to the brim
with uncertainty

Adam Walsh
NMC Faculty

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yelling and people who helped them drag boxes crammed with stuff down the long hallway. They left the door open and the place empty. It smelled like a subway platform on a summer Saturday night.

It rented within two days. The new neighbor was a graduate student who would have made a monk seem wild. The rest of us went back to saying "hi" at the mailboxes but stopped the informal gatherings. It was as if the drama had ended and we'd filed out of the theater.

I didn't miss the bad neighbors, but I missed being a good one.

My neighbors now? They are perfect. They're considerate, warm, engaging and trustworthy. We look after each other. There's good talk, no yelling, much laughter and, as far as I know, no whispering. My mom would have loved it here.

Culture of corruption

The court has ruled that the 80-percent salary hike for public officials is unconstitutional. This is embarrassing for the 29 lawmakers who are supposed to be conversant in the basic document. Obviously, it's a pathetic show of reading deficiency!

Other gaffes include the spending of $400,000 without legislative appropriation and allegations of more taxpayer money abuses by the mayor of Rota recently.

Didn't these folks take the oath of office to uphold the laws of the land? The NMI Constitution is written in plain English, explaining how public funds are spent. Why the voluntary use of jungle rules in these instances? Is there purposeful ignorance, hoping nobody would detect violation of constitutional law?

These infractions are known otherwise as "internal" corruption limited to a clique or the "we few." Somehow, these folks take on the role of an octopus, stretching their tentacles to grab as much as they could, convinced nobody's looking.

The use of public funds per the Constitution requires legislative appropriation. Such provision doesn't leave any room for political excuses. After all, it's public funds or taxpayers' money requiring accountability!

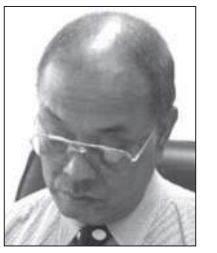
The use of political arrogance to chance "influence peddling" is the perfect pathway to "meet and greet" a federal law known as the Hobbs Act. It's a bad way to learn the details how one gets to tango with it. Do it on the dance floor, not at the chamber of the federal district court. It's all about transparency, not unintelligibility!

Is it really hard understanding, accepting and strengthening the dictates and conviction that the CNMI is a government of laws? The irony is in your taking the oath to uphold these laws, constitutional and statutory. Where did it say that you could recklessly ignore them?

Woe! Efrain Atalig allegedly screwed the taxpayers, yet has the audacity to look for a court-appointed attorney whose salary is paid for by, yes, "we the taxpayers"! Are we supposed to be his lifetime slaves? You misspent our tax contributions and still want us to pay for your legal defense? Call it ignorance or arrogance or both! Have we really allowed complacency to establish the culture of corruption here? Mind-boggling, isn't it?

Digital age: The digital age brought with it advances in medicine, education, and the entire nine yards. While we inch our way through its dense forest it should pique our interest how it could facilitate information sharing and improve upon the conduct of business here.

Digital health and technology are areas we can't ignore.



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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For instance, getting sick may be unavoidable but your survival rests on wearable digital healthcare technology. We're not talking computers or iphones and iPads but technology.

Wearable technology has specific purposes including monitoring critical heart conditions while you walk about the ward, among others. Other digital healthcare innovations continue to emerge as we explore what they are for use by patients.

Biopharmaceutical firms have "invested heavily in treatments and cures for Alzheimer's, various forms of cancer, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and dozens of rare diseases—and are seeing tremendous success with the power to transform patients' lives.

Then we have digital education where updates are no longer enough. A whole new approach is needed to meet the exponential growth of technology, according Professor Erik P.M. Vermeulen.

"This is the result of the global proliferation of new technologies. We all now live in a 'digital world' that is characterized by fast-paced, technology-driven social change.

"The future will be full of tremendous opportunities, but it will also be a world of tremendous uncertainty."

In a recent *Japan Times* article, Yoko Ishikura said, "As jobs undergo transformation and the way we learn and work is affected by new technologies, we cannot assume that the three-phase sequential approach to life—school, work and retirement—will remain efficient and effective in the future.

"We need to depart from the conventional thinking that a majority of learning takes place when we are young and mainly at school, with little additional learning and development of new skills during the work and retirement phases. Must shift!

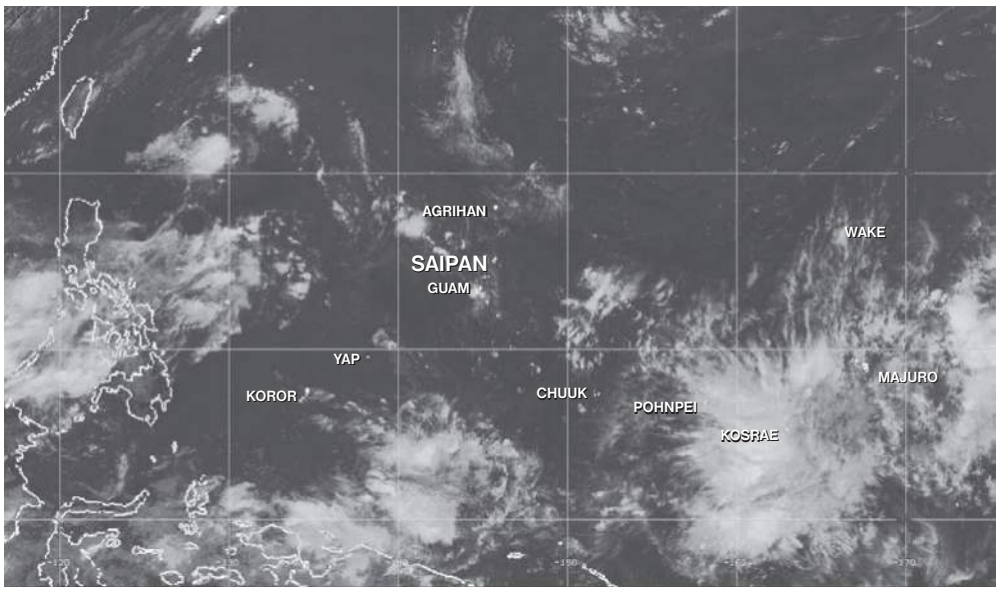
"With life expectancies increasing in the advanced economies, we need to constantly update and refresh ourselves, keeping up with the changes in the world, in order to have purposeful and meaningful life. We owed it to our people."

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east to southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲90° ▼77°	▲90° ▼78°	▲90° ▼78°	▲90° ▼78°	▲90° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:09 AM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No major changes in the near term. There were a few showers this morning that were slow moving due to light flow and have left the isolated showers and thunderstorms in the forecast today. Wind will pick up after today, so that should help preclude any thunder chances. With dry mid levels, don`t expect much more than isolated showers through the weekend and into early next week. The weak circulation to the north of Saipan is much less robust than it was 24 hours ago and should dissipate by tonight. Then all attention will turn to what may happen Tuesday or Wednesday of next week with an approaching tropical system. The forecast for the later time periods will be very dependent on the track of the system.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Sunny	59° / 48°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	81° / 57°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	84° / 75°
Honolulu	Showers	87° / 76°
London	Partly Cloudy	64° / 52°
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 70°
Manila	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	63° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
New York	Mostly Cloudy	80° / 67°
Osaka	Thunderstorm	86° / 75°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	70° / 48°
Busan	Cloudy	73° / 66°
Rome	Thunderstorm	81° / 64°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	91° / 71°
San Francisco	Sunny	67° / 56°
Seoul	Sunny	79° / 59°
Tokyo	Windy	88° / 79°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	85° / 71°

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
04:17 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.88
11:37 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.32
6:35 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.91
-	-	-

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:25 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:07 AM	3:24 PM	-
Saturday	3:09 AM	4:22 PM	-
Sunday	5:15 AM	6:08 PM	-
Monday	6:16 AM	6:56 PM	-
Tuesday	7:15 AM	7:42 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

LITERARY NOOK

'Kompromat'

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

"Something is rotten in Denmark" from Shakespeare's play Hamlet. It implies corruption, that something has gone wrong in an organization or situation.

Trump frequently calls Special Counsel Mueller's investigation of campaign 2016 collusion (now called conspiracy) with Russians a "rigged witch hunt" and "all a big hoax."

Hoax? What exactly is it that 45 smokes? As he breaks security wheel spokes inviting Russians into the Oval Office, looking for a witche's broom? find one in the Oval Office room. Looking for security leaks? find some when 45 with Russians speaks. Looking for a KGB agent we should fear? Find Putin in private talks in Trump's narcissistic mirror.

A Trump tweet, Monday, July 16, 2018 "\Our relationship with Russia has NEVER been worse, many years of US foolishness and stupidity and now, the Rigged Witch Hunt!" The Russian Foreign Ministry response was "We agree". Tuesday, July 17, 2018 Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell (R), "The European countries are our friends, and the Russians are not."

In Russian politics "kompromat" is short for "compromising material" It is damaging information about a politician or other public figure used to create negative publicity for blackmail or for ensuring loyalty. Here the Steele Dossier comes into play.

How many angels can fit on V. Putin's head? How many angels can fit on a Russian king-size bed? How many angels does it take to stop the witch hunt? How many angels does it take to stop 45's right wing front? How many angels have been falling due to Trump's calling? How many angels will have to use axes to break open the locked box with Trump's income taxes. How many angels does it take to pressure Trump to say something 'measure for measure' about Putin and ruble treasure? How many angels forsooth until DJT begins to tell the truth?

Something is rotten in Washington D.C.

Does it bother you as much as it bothers me?

a witch speaks in Shakespeare's Macbeth,

"double double toil and trouble…"

a partial witch hunt recipe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People are being swindled

I want to make it clear that I am in full support of the casino/hotel in Garapan, as we need for IPI to be successful as they are significantly contributing to our economy. But the Mariana Resort issue is really not about the casino and what it going on in Garapan but what is about to happen in the north with the Mariana Resort.

I wrote about this when the secret negotiations took place between IPI anxd Kan Pacific. I viewed the secret negotiations as being illegal or at least unethical due to the fact that secret talks on a bid for CNMI government property was being discussed among potential bidders that resulted in only one of the two placing a bid.

Were the people of the CNMI sold out?—which has always been my question—because the people of the CNMI should have been getting a new lease for the Mariana Resort with another new lease from IPI to build the new hotel they pledged to do in their contract—not renovate the Mariana Resort. The CNMI should be getting two new leases in the north, the Mariana Resort and the new IPI hotel, so, for me, people are literally being swindled out of a lease if IPI gets the Mariana Resort. IPI can get the Mariana Resort if they still build their own separate new hotel because their contract requires them to build a new hotel!

I am glad and thankful that DPL Secretary Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo is not rushing to give the Mariana Resort lease to IPI for good reasons. I do believe expectations have changed and Kan Pacific seemingly doesn't want to meet those expectations or is Kan Pacific just using that for an excuse? How much did Kan Pacific get paid or a promise to be paid in the secret talks? We the people really can't trust anything IPI and Kan Pacific are saying about the Mariana Resort, given that they went into secret talks about the people's land—the epitome of disrespect to the people! Where are the candidates for office and especially the NMD leadership I called for when they first went into secret talks about your land, your tourism industry? Are the NMDs in bed with IPI, given that they are not speaking out on this? These are serious and legitimate questions, which is why I hope that DPL will consider these secret talks and look long and hard at the fact that IPI is literally struggling with the casino hotel in Garapan. Now they are even asking the commission to violate their contract for a new hotel by downgrading the hotel expansion of the Mariana Resort to be less than a five-star hotel! I'm sure most citizens and our elected officials were expecting a new development to complement the Mariana Resort but I guess they think we are all stupid and blind and can't think or see what's right in front of us! If DPL and or the commission will downgrade the requirements for IPI, then why not downgrade them for Kan Pacific so they can keep the hotel and we can keep our Japanese market? DPL needs to be flexible and work with Kan Pacific if they really want to keep the resort, given the limited interest as it should be noted that the Mariana Resort is the last predominantly Japanese hotel, contributing to the loss of the Japanese tourist market. It is no secret that we really need to keep the Mariana Resort as a Japanese hotel destination for obvious reasons.

IPI is not meeting expectations in Garapan, so what guarantees are there about them taking over the Mariana Resort, especially when they are already trying to downgrade the expectations of it being a five-star hotel? The Mariana Resort's lease should be revisited and IPI should not be allowed to bid unless they are willing to conduct the Marianas Resort operation as a "separate" operation from the mandated new hotel in their contract.

Wisdom should also tell DPL that we don't need to put all of our eggs in IPI's basket. It's a fact that IPI is having trouble delivering in Garapan, so what do you think is going to happen in Marpi when they are already trying to decrease the requirement for it to be less than a five-star resort before they even get the lease?

It was enough already to let Kan Pacific sell the remaining time on their lease to IPI and we still don't know how much Kan Pacific got paid. The CNMI is already bending over for IPI's casino/hotel in Garapan but the special treatment should stop there. The CNMI should not be helping IPI to violate their contract with the people in the north. I am hopeful many NMDs will now speak up so that DPL will put an end to this attempt by IPI and Kan Pacific to swindle the people out of a lease and even the loss of the Japanese market. I'm not against IPI or Kan Pacific. I just care more about the people and want what is best for the people of the CNMI.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 094 D 05 containing an area of approximately 1,611 square meters, more or less, situated in Garapan, Saipan and will be included in a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement proposing to amend Lease Agreement No. LA12-005S. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands office located on the 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, and website at www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Man Bao Corporation. The Directors of Man Bao Corporation are Ping Yin Cheung – President and Beihua Yuan – Vice President/Secretary.

iii. The proposed Second Amendment to Lease Agreement is compliant with DPL regulations. To extent it was negotiated, discussions were by Mr. Ping Yin Cheung.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose to operate a hotel facility.

The term of the proposed Second Amendment will coincide with the initial lease which is 25 years with 19 years remaining.

The proposed annual rental for Lot No. 094 D 05 during the term of the lease in the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property "plus" the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed Second Amendment to Lease Agreement may be obtained at the office of the Secretary, Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. As of the time of this publication, the Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Garapan, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 4:00 p.m. September 21, 2018 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku mannånå´i guini nutisia put i intensiona ni para u ma´atkila i metton na tanu´ pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum pupblikun hinerât siña muna´na´hålum upiño, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilan nu i tanu´ pupbliku. Kumu mås mo'na mapribeni ginin i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi na pettanesin infotmasion manisisita na para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu´ pupbliku madiskribi kumu Lot No. 094 D 05 ni konsisisti kåsi 1,611 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi giya Garapan, Saipan yan debi na u ma´ingklusi gi hålum Segundu na Amendasion para Kontråtan Atkilon ni mapropoponi para u amenda i Kontråtan Atkilon No. LA12-005S. I kopian pâttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ni gaigi gi Sigundu na bibienda, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee Man Bao Corporation. I Direktot i Man Bao Corporation si Ping Yin Cheung – i Presidenti yan Beihua Yuan – i Sigundu na Presidenti/Sekritåria/Sekritâriu.

iii. I maproponi na Sigundu na Amendasion para Kontråtan Atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha. Para inekstendi ginin manegosiu, i diskuti siha ginin as Siñot Ping Yin Cheung.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha´ na rason i aktibidåt fasilidåt i hotel.

I tema nu i maproponi Sigundu na Amendasion debi na u konfotmi yan i fine´ni´na na atkilon gi benti singku (25) åñus na tiempu yan diesi nuebi (19) åñus na tiempu tetenan.

I manmaproponi na atkila gi kada´ såkkan para Lot No. 094 D 05 durântin i tema nu i atkilon i hålum Sigundu na Amendasion para Kontråtan Atkilon ma´estima gi pusentu i maperitun na bålin fair market i propiedåt "yan mås" i aplikåo na pusentun i Resibun Nina´hålum I Bisnis hålum regulasion i DPL.

v. I kopian nu i maproponi Sigundu na Amendasion para Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli´ gi ufisinan i Sekritârian, Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian. I kopia debi lokkui´ na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Kumu gi tiempun nu esti pupblikasion, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ti marisibi ni håfa na tinaguin inefresi siha ni para ma´atkila i suhetu na tanu´ pupbliku gi Garapan, giya Saipan.

vii. I Sekritârian Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi´ upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat alternative proposals ginin i manintirisão na pattida siha gi pat åntis di 4:00 p.m. gi Septembre 21, 2018 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Tinian yan Luta.

ARONGORONGOL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulaisyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap ekke attotoowow arongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atkkillay falúw sángi faluweer toulap wóól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Eláng llól Marianas. Schóó kka re mwuschel isiisilong kkapas, data, views, ngáre angiingi reel pommw ngáli atkkilóónol faluweer toulap. Eyoor sángi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritiw ebwe akkatééwow.

i. Faluweer toulap iye rebwe atkkilaay reel falúw kka, e bwáálló bwe Lot No. 094 D 05, e bwáá bwe 1,611 reel square meters, elapeló ngáre eghus, iye e lo Arabwal, Seipél me ebwe schuulong llól Second Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón bwe re pommw rebwe liiweli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón No. LA12-005S. Eyoor pappidil falúw yeel me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye lo 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, me bwal wóól aar website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Schóól atkkilóón nge Man Bao Corporation. Director-il Man Bao Corporation nge Ping Yin Cheung – President me Beihua Yuan – Vice President/Sekkretóóriya.

iii. Pommwol Second Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge e compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL. Eyoor tool igha re ppwol fengál, mwalilli sángi Mr. Ping Yin Cheung.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw reel schagh mwóghutughutúl hotel.

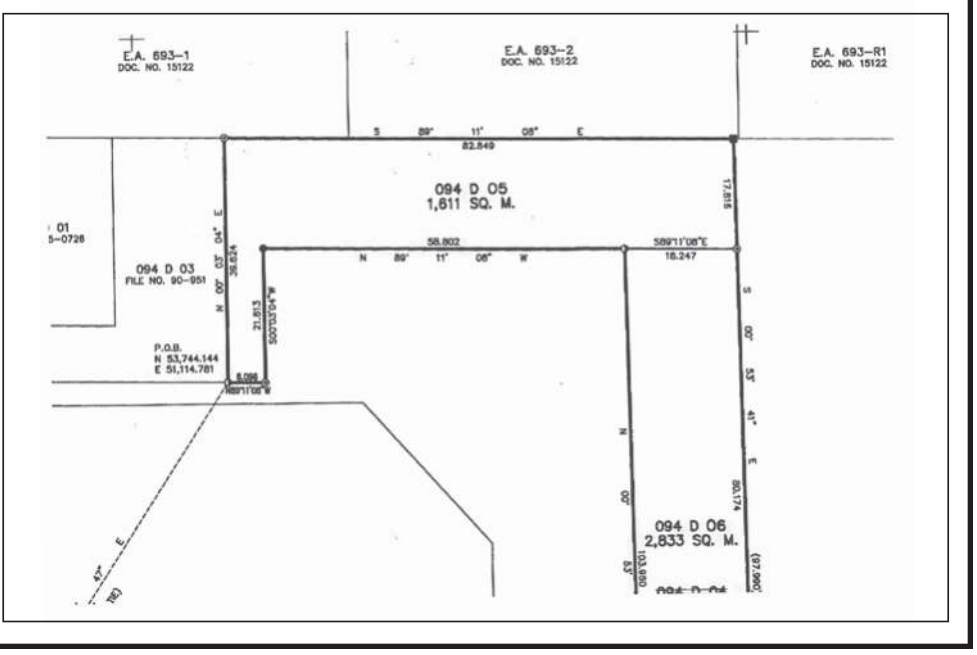
Pommwol mángemángil lappal ráágh reel Second Amendment ebwe e weewe fengál me bweletáál atkkilóón iye e lo bwe ruweigh me limoow ráágh fengál me seigh me tiwoow ráágh luusul.

Reel pommwol óbwóssul ghal llól eew ráágh ngáli Lot No. 094 D 05 atol atkkilóón llól Second Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge e lo reel percentage sángi appraised fair market value reel falúw "plus" applicable percentage reel Business Gross Receipts llól mwóghutughutúl DPL.

v. Pappidil pommwol Second Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel bwulasiyol Sekkretóóriya, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappid yeel online me www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Atol oral arongorong yeel, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng reel faluweer toulap me Arabwal, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angiingi ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil 4:00 p.m. Maan 21, 2018 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye e lo Seipél, Luuta ngáre Tchiliyól.



Business

US trade deficit widened to $50.1 billion in July

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. trade deficit widened for the second straight month in July, reaching the highest level since February, as imports hit an all-time high. The deficit in goods with China and the European Union set records.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that the deficit in goods and services—the difference between what America sells and what it buys from other countries—rose to $50.1 billion in July from $45.7 billion in June. Exports slipped 1 percent to $211.1 billion. Imports increased 0.9 percent to a record $261.2 billion on increased purchases of trucks and computers.

The deficit rose despite efforts by President Donald Trump to bring it down by renegotiating trade agreements and imposing taxes on imports.

The United States has already slapped tariffs on $50 billion in Chinese goods in a dispute over Beijing's aggressive efforts to challenge American technological dominance. It is taxing imported steel and aluminum and may target auto imports next, causing a rift with the EU. Trump also has threatened to exclude Canada from a revamped North American trade agreement.

So far, the president's aggressive policies have had little impact on the trade numbers. The goods deficit with China rose 10 percent in July to a record $36.8 billion. The gap with the EU shot up 50 percent to a record $17.6 billion and with Canada nearly 58 percent to $3.1 billion. The July deficit with Mexico, though, plunged 25 percent to $5.5 billion.

So far this year, the trade deficit is up 7 percent from January-July 2017.

Michigan Legislature OKs minimum wage, sick time initiatives

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—The Republican-controlled Michigan Legislature on Wednesday passed laws to raise the state's minimum wage to $12 an hour and require employers to offer paid sick leave—if they are not watered down before taking effect next year.

The proposed ballot initiatives could have gone before voters in November, but now they will not. Their pre-emptive passage by lawmakers is part of an unprecedented business-backed strategy—the legality of which is in question—to make them easier to alter during the "lame-duck" period in November or December. If voters had passed the measures, legislators would have needed three-fourths majorities in each chamber to change them, instead of the simple majority votes they will need now.

Many Democrats voted against the bills they support, saying they do not know what amendments are coming, including whether Republicans could try to repeal them altogether. Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr., of East Lansing, called the maneuver "nothing more than a classic bait-and-switch, a trick on the voters here in Michigan, an attack on our democracy." And Rep. Leslie Love of Detroit said it is a form of "voter suppression."

The Senate voted 24-13 to pass both bills, with three Republicans and 10 Democrats in opposition. The votes were 78-28 in the House, where more Democrats joined most Republicans in support—declaring victory while vowing to fight any attempt to scale back the laws.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW18-RFP-010

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. CM-NH-0033 (023)

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works are soliciting sealed proposals for the **Archaeological Services for Route 33 (Beach Road) Improvement, Saipan** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-310** of the regulations.

The Scope of Work is available on or after August 31, 2018 at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214, Saipan.

A Pre-proposal Conference is not required, however, questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division no later than 4:30 p.m. local time September 7, 2018.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with **§70-30.3-310** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposals will be evaluated based on Qualifications of the principal and assigned staff; Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects and Fee.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW18-RFP-010"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and two (2) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **October 01, 2018** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **October 01, 2018**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and two (2) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 01, 2018** AND must be received no later than **October 10, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/DLNR18-RFP-008

AGREEMENT TO FUND, REDESIGN, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE MARINA CONCESSION ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works through the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Agreement to Fund, Redesign, Maintain and Operate Marina Concession on behalf of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Esther S. Fleming, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after **September 7, 2018** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214, Saipan.

A Ore-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Lower Base Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Anthony T. Benavente, Secretary of Department of Lands and Natural Resources no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **September 18, 2018**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with **§70-30.3-305** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 25%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 35%
4. Schedule of Completion – 15%

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. Fee proposals are solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified Firms. Fee proposals may be used in determing a fair and reasonable price.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/DLNR18-RFP-008"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and nine (9) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, **October 9, 2018** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, **October 9, 2018**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 9, 2018** and may be mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply at P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan MP, 96950 AND must be received no later than the close of business, **October 17, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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Director, Procurement & Supply

Nation

Passengers on quarantined jet appear to have the flu

NEW YORK (AP)—A large commercial jet from Dubai caused a scare on Wednesday after a pilot radioed that it would be landing at New York's Kennedy Airport carrying several passengers and crew members who fell ill with flu-like symptoms.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immediately quarantined the double-decker Emirates aircraft holding 520 passengers so it could evaluate about 100 of them. Some had complained about coughs, headaches, sore throats and fevers.

Officials said 10 people - three passengers and seven crew members - ended up hospitalized in what Emirates called a "precaution." The rest were cleared to continue their travels while the CDC sought to determine what caused the sickness.

"Given the symptoms that we are seeing in the patients and given the history that they present, it looks like this is probably influenza," Acting New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot said. "But again, until we have our final results late tonight we won't be able to give a final determination on what the underlying cause is of this illness."

On social media, passengers including 1990s rapper Vanilla Ice, posted photos and videos of a large-scale emergency response when the aircraft touched down around 9 a.m. at JFK. Video from news helicopters showed the jet stranded on the tarmac for several minutes before passengers began to emerge so they could board buses to get to the terminal.

Vanilla Ice, whose real name is Robert Van Winkle, posted a video on Facebook of an emergency response to an initial report that dozens of people could be sick. On Twitter, he described looking out the window to see several ambulances, firetrucks and police vehicles converge on the plane.

He also wrote that the sick people were seated on the "bottom floor" of the jumbo jet, "so I'm happy I'm up top."

"Basically, it was chaos right when we landed," Ice told reporters later Wednesday. He said the pilot announced that there was a health issue and people were sick.

Another traveler in the business class section of the aircraft, Raghida Dergham, also said in an interview that sick passengers were in a "lower level" economy section of the plane.

"I feel great. I feel fine," Dergham said. "Nobody was alarmed. ... It was handled very well."

But other passengers said they suspected that some passengers were sick before they got on the plane and blamed the airline for not doing more to protect the health of others.

"Why did they allow them on the flight? ... I sat with them for 13 hours. If it's a virus, we're all getting sick," said Srinivasa Rao.

Passenger Erin Sykes posted a video of officers in masks and gloves taking the temperature of passengers on the tarmac.

In an interview, Sykes said she saw a few passengers being taken off the plane first for medical attention, but she added that "many, many" others were showing signs of illness.

"Very intense coughing. Violently sick. Going into the bathroom a lot," she said when asked to describe the scene.

She added: "These people should know not to travel in a confined space with other healthy people."

Said another flier, Zeph Shamba, said he saw at least one man on the 14-hour flight coughing and vomiting.

"People were worried because we don't know what it is. And we get down there and guys with masks on their noses and stuff like that," Shamba said. "It's like the plane from hell."

Times grants anonymity to administration official for essay

NEW YORK (AP)—It was an extraordinary decision at a tense time for editors at The New York Times: a senior official at the Trump administration wanted to tell the world that some who work for the president try to blunt his worst instincts, but wanted the cover of anonymity to avoid being fired.

The Times agreed and posted the column titled "I Am Part of the Resistance Inside the Trump Administration" on Wednesday, provoking fury from the man who frequently revs up supporters by railing against "fake news" and the "failing New York Times." Trump called the move gutless and demanded the Times reveal the author's identity "for national security purposes."

The internet was abuzz with speculation on who wrote the column, which veered in tone between a hostage note and a reassurance to Americans that, as the writer put it, "there are adults in the room."

The decision was in the purview of James Bennet, editorial page editor, and James Dao, op-ed editor, with publisher A.G. Sulzberger weighing in, a Times spokeswoman said. The newspaper's executive editor, Dean Baquet, was not involved because the news pages are his responsibility, and the column appeared in the Times' opinion section.

That led to a Times reporter, Jodi Kantor, tweeting that "Times reporters must now try to unearth the identity of an author that our colleagues in Opinion have sworn to protect with anonymity?"

Dao told a Times reporter that the piece was submitted last week through an intermediary, and anonymity wasn't granted until editors were confident in the writer's identity. While that's rare for the opinion pages, it's not unprecedented, and Dao said the material in the essay was important enough to publish.

"We believe publishing this essay anonymously is the only way to deliver an important perspective to our readers," the newspaper said.

In June, the Times published a piece from an asylum seeker who was in a Trump administration family detention center, not identifying her because of gang-related threats she received. In 2014, a woman from Pakistan was not identified for writing an editorial page blog item to protect her from the Taliban.

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES
Family & Youth Enhancement Program

WANTED

DYS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM WORKERS

The Division of Youth Services is soliciting applicants for the following positions;

Children's Program Workers

Saipan – Four- (4) | Rota – Two- (2) | Tinian – Two- (2)
Salary: $7.05 per hour

Interested candidates will be assigned to work for the Family & Youth Enhancement Program- Parent Education Services- Children's Program on a scheduled basis. Applicants will help support the program by creating a safe, nurturing environment for the children, actively interacting with participant's ages 0 to 12 years using positive behavior techniques, help carry out weekly activities, are required to debrief weekly on activities offered and uphold the policies and procedures of the program.

Program Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Previous experience in early childhood or school setting
- Must enjoy being with children
- Participate in training sessions provided by Parents Anonymous ®, Inc. and F&YEP Parent Education Services
- Commit at least four- (4) hours per week to the Children and Youth Program
- Complete all necessary document's (* Application form with Resume/Police Clearance/Business License/Health Certificate/Tax ID Card Number, Etc.)
- Commit six- (6) months to the program
- Assist with Parent Education Services Classes, Emergency Shelter and other duties as assigned
- Not have committed or been convicted of child abuse or any crime involving physical harm to another person
- Additional documents may be requested, if needed

Interested applicants may pick up application form at the DYS Family & Youth Enhancement Program Office located in Chalan Piao, Joeten Building next to Bank of Guam or download the application at www.dys.gov.mp. Complete applications can be submitted at the same office listed above.

Application Deadline: September 21, 2018

For more information regarding the announcement, you can contact the following;

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Asia

PH senator defies Duterte's arrest order in standoff

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine senator who is President Rodrigo Duterte's fiercest critic in Congress remained holed up in the Senate on Wednesday to avoid what he considers an illegal arrest after Duterte voided his amnesty for his role in failed coup plots as a former rebel military officer.

Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV told reporters after staying overnight in the Senate that his lawyers would file a petition to the Supreme Court to challenge the legality of Duterte's proclamation voiding his amnesty. Amid the standoff, a small group of soldiers and policemen, including SWAT commandos, was seen outside the Senate.

Duterte also ordered the Department of Justice and the military to pursue criminal and administrative complaints against Trillanes.

Trillanes told the police and military not to follow Duterte's "illegal order" for him to be arrested without a court warrant, saying his rebellion and coup cases were dismissed in 2011 after he accepted an amnesty offered by Duterte's predecessor.

Addressing military and police officers who may be pressured to enforce Duterte's order out of fear, Trillanes said "Duterte will not be there for long, please do not do anything illegal or unconstitutional."

Trillanes, a 47-year-old former navy officer, was detained for several years before his election to the Senate for involvement in three military uprisings from 2003 to 2007 to protest government corruption.

Duterte's order, which was made public Tuesday while he was on a trip to Israel, has sparked a legal debate. Some legal experts have questioned whether Duterte can invalidate a rebel amnesty declared by a previous president and approved by legislators.

Despite questions on Duterte's move, the Defense Department said it had deployed officers to the Senate to take custody of Trillanes, who would be made to face a military court inquiry over alleged misconduct for his role in past uprisings.

"With our MPs (military police) and legal officer in the Senate, we are awaiting to acquire his custody for the purpose of returning him to military control and for him to face a court martial," Defense Department spokesman Arsenio Andolong told reporters.

The Department of Justice, meanwhile, asked a court to issue an arrest warrant for Trillanes and restrain him from leaving the country. The court did not immediately issue a warrant and gave Trillanes five days to respond to the government move and set a hearing for next week.

AP

Philippine opposition Senator Antonio Trillanes IV gestures during a news conference at the Philippine Senate Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines.

Quake in northern Japan kills 2, causes landslides, blackout

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful earthquake rocked Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido early Thursday, triggering landslides that crushed homes, knocking out power and forcing a nuclear power plant to switch to a backup generator.

The magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck southern Hokkaido at 3:08 a.m. at the depth of 40 kilometers (24 miles), Japan's Meteorological Agency said. The epicenter was east of the city of Tomakomai but the shaking buckled roads and damaged homes in Hokkaido's prefectural capital of Sapporo, with a population of 1.9 million.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference that two people had been confirmed dead. He did not give details.

Japan is used to dealing with disasters, but the last few months have brought a string of calamities. The quake came on the heels of a typhoon that wreaked havoc in western Japan, leaving the main airport near Osaka and Kobe closed after a tanker rammed a bridge connecting the facility to the mainland. The summer also brought devastating floods from torrential rains in Hiroshima and deadly hot temperatures across the country.

The Japanese national broadcaster NHK, citing its own tally, reported that 125 people were injured and nearly 40 are feared missing. Hokkaido's local disaster agency put the number of injured at 48.

Several people were reported missing in the nearby town of Atsuma, where a massive landslide engulfed homes in an avalanche of soil, rocks and timber.

Reconstruction Minister Jiro Akama told reporters that five people were believed to be buried in the town's Yoshino district. Some of the 40 people stranded there were airlifted to safer grounds, NHK said.

Aerial views showed dozens of landslides in the surrounding area, with practically every mountainside a raw slash of brown amid deep green forest.

Airports and many roads on the island were closed following the early morning quake. NHK showed workers rushing to clean up shattered glass and reinstall ceiling panels that had tumbled down in the region's biggest airport at Chitose.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said that 25,000 troops and other personnel would be dispatched to the area to help with rescue operations.

NHK showed the moment the quake struck the city of Muroran, with its camera violently shaking and all city lights going black moment later. In Sapporo, a mudslide on a road left several cars half buried.

Power was knocked out for Hokkaido's 2.9 million households. Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshige Seko told reporters that the extensive power outage was caused by an emergency shutdown of the main thermal power plant at Tomato Atsuma that supplies half of Hokkaido's electricity.

The hope had been to get power back up "within a few hours," Seko said. However, damage to three generators at the Tomato Atsuma plant means that the restoration of power could take more than a week.

Seko said utilities were planning to start up several other thermal and hydroelectric plants to provide at least some power. Altogether peak demand on the island averages 3.8 million kilowatts, stopgap supplies from smaller plants and from the nearby Tohoku region could bring supplies up to 2.9 million kilowatts within days, Seko said. However, that would leave a shortfall of roughly 900,000 kilowatts, causing inconveniences to many in Hokkaido.

In the meantime, authorities sent power-generator vehicles to hospitals so enable them to treat emergency patients, he said.

Reacting quickly to the disaster, troops deployed water tanker trucks in Sapporo, where residents were collecting bottles to tide them over until electricity and tap water supplies come back online.

The quake's impact was widespread. To the north, in the scenic town of Biei, residents lined up outside of supermarkets and convenience stores, quickly clearing shelves of water, toilet paper and food.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Typhoon-damaged airport in Japan to partly reopen Friday

TOKYO (AP)—A major Japanese airport flooded by a typhoon will partially reopen Friday. Kyodo news agency said domestic flights at Kansai International Airport will resume Friday. The report cited Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as saying Thursday that international flights will restart when the airport is ready. The airport in western Japan is one of Japan's busiest and is a gateway for Asian tourists visiting Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe. The closure had raised concerns about impacts on tourism and the economy. Typhoon Jebi blew across the middle of Japan's main island on Tuesday, causing 11 deaths and damage in and around Osaka. One of the two runways and part of a terminal building at the Kansai airport were flooded, and the bridge connecting the airport to the mainland was damaged.

Kim Jong Un demands "goodwill measures" as Koreas set summit

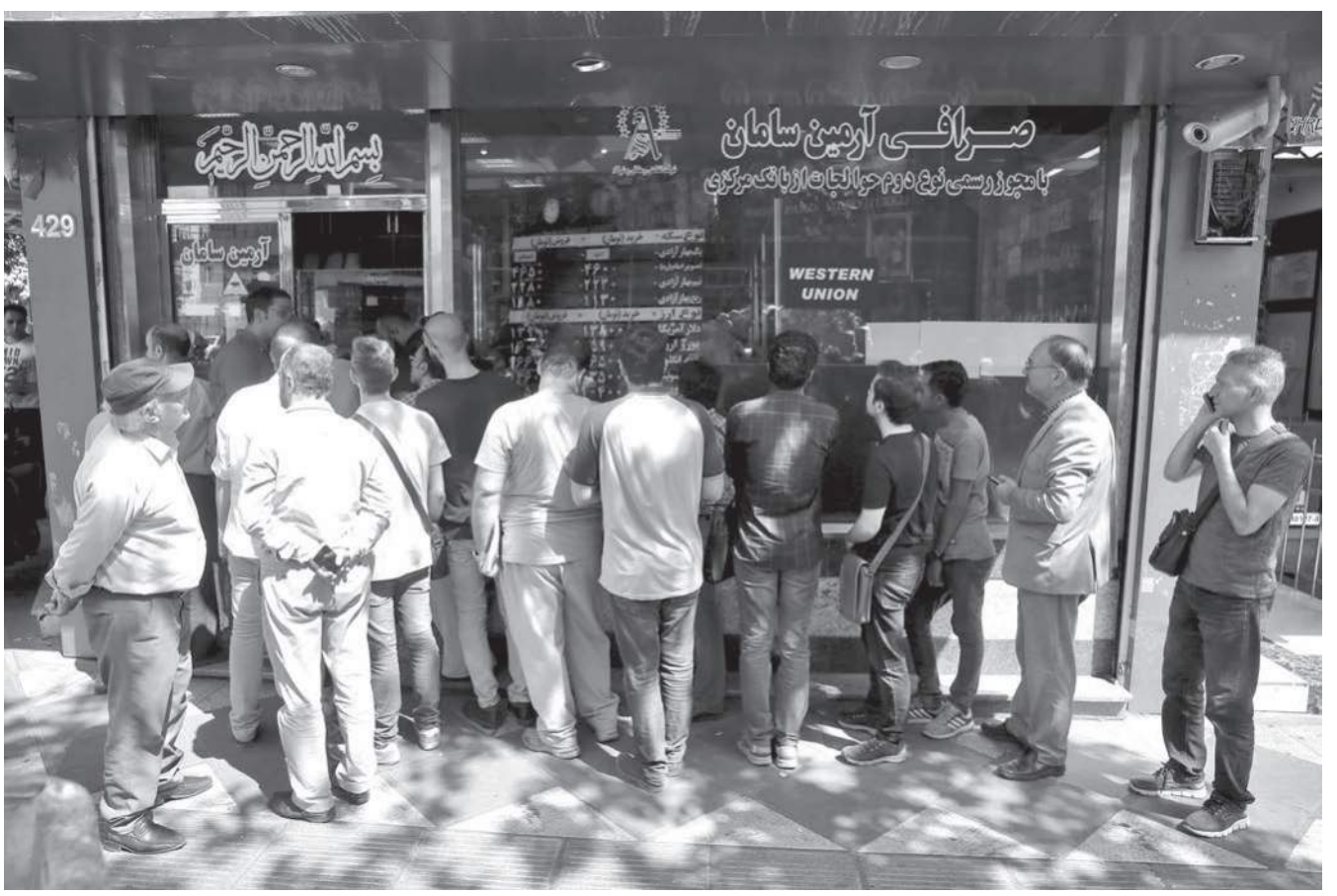
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un reaffirmed his commitment to a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and to the suspension of all future long-range missile tests, while also expressing faith in an increasingly embattled President Donald Trump's efforts to settle a nuclear impasse, South Korean officials and the North's official media said Thursday. Kim also reportedly expressed frustration with outside skepticism about his nuclear disarmament intentions and demanded that his "goodwill measures" be met in kind. The trove of comments from Kim was filtered through his propaganda specialists in Pyongyang and the South Korean government, which is keen on keeping engagement alive. They come amid a growing standoff with the United States on how to proceed with diplomacy meant to settle a nuclear dispute that had many fearing war last year.

India's top court decriminalizes homosexual acts

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's top court has struck down a colonial-era law that makes homosexual acts punishable by up to 10 years in prison. The court gave its ruling Thursday on a petition filed by five people who challenged the law, saying they are living in fear of being harassed and prosecuted by police. In 2009, a New Delhi High Court declared unconstitutional Section 377 of the law, which says intercourse between members of the same sex is against the order of nature. But the judgment was overturned by the Supreme Court, which says amending or repealing the law should be left to Parliament. But the government left it to the court to decide the validity of the law dealing with consensual sexual acts between two adults.

World

Fears rise, diapers vanish: Iran currency crash causes chaos



AP
People line up in front of a currency exchange shop to buy U.S. dollars and euros, in downtown Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's rial fell to a record low on Wednesday as worried residents of Tehran lined up outside beleaguered moneychangers, part of a staggering 140-percent drop in the currency's value since America pulled out of the nuclear deal only four months ago.

Those who went to work at the start of the Iranian week on Saturday saw their money shed a quarter of its value by the time they left the office Wednesday. Signs of the currency chaos can be seen everywhere in Tehran, where travel agents offer vacation prices only in hard currency and diapers have disappeared from store shelves—something acknowledged by the supreme leader.

Many exchange shops in downtown Tehran simply turned off their electronic signs showing the current rate for the U.S. dollar, while some Iranians who wanted hard currency sought out informal money traders on street corners. Exchange shops that remained open offered 150,000 rials to the U.S. dollar.

"Everyone's just nervous," said Mostafa Shahriar, 40, who was seeking dollars.

There was no immediate acknowledgement of the drop on state media.

Iran's economy has faced troubled times in the past, whether from the shah overspending on military arms in the 1970s or the Western sanctions following the 1979 Islamic Revolution and U.S. Embassy takeover. Drastic fluctuations in oil prices have also taken a toll.

This time, however, feels different. The currency has crashed along with hope many felt following the 2015 nuclear deal Iran struck with world powers, including the administration of then-President Barack Obama.

Iran agreed to limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of some sanctions. The West had feared Iran would use its nuclear material to build atomic bombs, while Tehran has always insisted its activities are purely peaceful.

In May, despite the United Nations repeatedly acknowledging Iran had lived up to the terms of the deal, President Donald Trump withdrew America from the accord. He said he wanted stricter terms put on Iran that included limiting its ballistic missile program, curtailing its regional influence and forever limiting its nuclear activities.

While European nations say they want the deal to continue, America's enormous influence in global financial markets led oil companies and airplane manufacturers to quickly withdraw from working in the country. Harsher sanctions loom in early November, including those targeting Iran's oil industry, a key source of hard currency.

The Trump administration denies it is seeking to overthrow Iran's government through economic pressure, but Iranian officials say the link is clear.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, called the U.S. moves economic "sabotage" this past weekend, and specifically mentioned the diaper shortage. Some 70 percent of material for disposal diapers is imported. As the rial falls, it makes purchasing the material from abroad more expensive.

"Imagine that in Tehran or other major cities, baby diapers suddenly become scarce. This is happening, this is real, this is not make-believe. Baby diapers!" Khamenei said, according to a transcript on his official website. "This makes people angry. On the other side, the enemy wants people to be angry with the government and system. This is one of their ways."

WORLD BRIEFS

UK charges 2 Russians in absentia in nerve agent attack

LONDON (AP)—Britain deepened its diplomatic feud with Moscow on Wednesday, charging two men it says are Russian military intelligence officers with the nerve-agent poisoning of Sergei Skripal, a double agent who betrayed the service by spying for the West. But U.K. authorities acknowledged there was little chance Russia would hand over the suspects, Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov, to face justice in Britain. Prime Minister Theresa May said the use of a chemical weapon in the city of Salisbury, which left a British woman dead and four people, including Skripal and his daughter, seriously ill, was carried out by officers of the GRU intelligence service and almost certainly approved "at a senior level of the Russian state." "This was not a rogue operation," she told lawmakers after police released photos of the suspects as they traveled through London and Salisbury before flying back to Moscow from Heathrow Airport on the evening of March 4, hours after the Skripals were poisoned.

Iraqi PM orders probe into bloody Basra protests

BASRA, Iraq (AP)—Iraq's prime minister has ordered an investigation into violent protests in the southern city of Basra that killed and wounded several civilians and security forces. Iraq's oil-rich city of Basra and other cities in the southern Shiite heartland have been brewing since July over endemic corruption, soaring joblessness and poor public services. The protests have often turned violent, with protesters damaging and burning government offices and attacking security forces with stones and Molotov cocktails. The situation exacerbated on Tuesday after a funeral procession for a 26-year old protester killed the day before. The security forces guarding the provincial council building fired tear gas and live ammunition on stone-throwing protesters. At least three protesters were killed and four others wounded during the confrontations, as well as two policemen were killed and seven others wounded.

Paraguay moves Israel embassy back out of Jerusalem

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)—Paraguay announced Wednesday it would immediately move its embassy in Israel out of Jerusalem and back to Tel Aviv, less than four months after opening the new mission. The move presents an embarrassing diplomatic setback for Israel, which had hoped to build on the momentum started by the U.S., Guatemala and Paraguay, which all moved their embassies to Jerusalem in May. In response to Paraguay's decision, Israel said it was shuttering its embassy there, warning that ties between the countries would be "strained" by the decision. Paraguay's Foreign Minister Luis Alberto Castiglioni said at a news conference that he hoped "the friends of Israel will not be bothered" by his nation's reversal and expressed hope for "excellent ties of friendship and cooperation" with both "the states of Israel and Palestine."

Museum: Centuries old Torah not burned in Rio blaze

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazil's National Museum said Wednesday that centuries-old Torah scrolls, considered to be some of Judaism's oldest documents, had been moved before a massive fire ravaged the place and gutted much of the largest collections of national history artifacts in Latin America.

Questions about the fate of the scrolls had swirled since Sunday night's blaze at the museum, which used to be the home of Brazil's royal family. Amid an ongoing investigation and unable to access much of the now destroyed museum, officials have been reluctant to give any account of how specific artifacts fared in the fire or disclose information on other material that may have been in other locations.

"The Torah is being kept in a safe place," according to a museum statement sent to The Associated Press on Wednesday, adding it had been removed nearly two years ago. The statement did not say where it had been transferred.

A spokesman at the Israeli Embassy in the capital Brasilia said it didn't have more information on the Torah, Judaism's holy book.

Brazilian scholars have said the scrolls originated in Yemen and possibly date back to the 13th century.

The museum's website says the nine scrolls, written in Hebrew, were acquired in the early 19th century by the country's last monarch, Dom Pedro II. The website, which had apparently not been updated, also said the scrolls were not part of an exhibit, but rather kept in a safe in the director's office.

Avraham Beuthner, from the Jewish organization Beit Lubavitch in Rio de Janeiro, told the AP that university officials told him the Torah was being housed at a university library near the museum. The museum is part of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

Beuthner said he had been fielding calls from Jews in Israel and several Latin American countries since the fire inquiring about the scrolls.

"Thank God it's safe," he said, adding that university officials had promised to soon allow Jewish community leaders to see where the Torah is being held.

The good news came as museum officials said they feared as much as 90 percent of Latin America's largest collection of treasures might have been lost in the fire. Aerial photos of the main building showed only heaps of rubble and ashes in the parts of the building where the roof collapsed.

Firefighters on Tuesday "found fragments of bones in a room where the museum kept many items, including skulls," said Cristiana Serejo, the museum's deputy director. "We still have to collect them and take them to the lab to know exactly what they are."

In its collection of about 20 million items, one of the most prized possessions is a skull called Luzia, which is among the oldest fossils ever found in the Americas.

Serejo told reporters Wednesday that several countries, including France and Germany, had offered help with recovery efforts and some rebuilding. She said that researchers could get into the museum as soon as next week, but it will depend on how fast federal police could finish their investigation.

"We are in line to get in there," she said.

Off The Wall

Apartment with kitchen-bathroom combo creates stir

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A St. Louis man is the new tenant of a tiny apartment with a unique layout—the kitchen and bathroom are in the same place.

Yep. The toilet, bathtub, oven and sink are all in one room. The 200-square-foot (18.5-sq. meter) apartment is in St. Louis' tony Central West End.

The ad and photo for the $525-per-month apartment appeared on several websites and had people flush with excitement. Harold Karabell of S.F. Shannon Real Estate Management says the new tenant loves it.

The 111-year-old building originally housed 12 luxury apartments. Karabell says that around the time of the Great Depression, it was remade into 50 small units, the studio the smallest among them.

Toilet/kitchen combo aside, Karabell says the apartment has a lot to like, including refinished hardwood floors and new windows.

This photo from a rental ad provided by S.F. Shannon Real Estate Management LLC shows a toilet and bathtub in the kitchen of a 200-square-foot apartment in St. Louis. AP

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE
Dilwei Agnes Skilang Sablan
Born January 21, 1930, passed away in the early morning of September 2nd, 2018 at the age of 88 at her daughter's home in Saipan.
In her heavenly home Agnes joins her husband Juan Atalig Sablan; sons Henry, Gerald Victor, Tao and Jeffrey.
Agnes is survived by her children - Mike & Violy (Stephen, Zachary and Adam); Virginia & Andy (Matthew and Kaela), Cathy (K.Cyji/JJ, Charles Pablo and Jose); Children of Henry; Children of Gerald Victor; Children of Tao; Ninos & Monica; Willy (Eric & Pamela); family-brother Ephraim & Joyce. Her siblings Benjamin & †Humie, Suki & Damiana, Bill & Julie.
Daily rosary is held at St. Jude Church at 7:00pm - September 3rd to September 9th, 2018.
Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, September 10th, 2018 at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.
10:00am Responso and Holy Rosary
10:30am Mass and Burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery
Respecting Agnes' wish, there will be no public viewing.
Mesulang, Si Yu'us Maase and Thank You for your prayers, intimate condolences and taking time to grieve with us.
Mike, Virg, Cathy, Ninos, Willy, Ephraim and Agnes' grand & great-grand children

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Venomous rattlesnake found near Massachusetts go-kart track

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP)—Police responding to a Massachusetts go-kart track found a venomous snake wrapped around a tree in the parking lot. Braintree police say the timber rattlesnake was discovered Wednesday night near X1 Boston. Experts think the rattlesnake likely came from the nearby 6,000-acre Blue Hills Reservation, which has a known rattlesnake population. Environmental Police officers captured the snake and released it "far, far from Braintree," back in the reservation. The snake is an endangered species in Massachusetts, and it is illegal to kill one. While a bite from the snake can kill, there have been no reported human fatalities in the state since 1791.

Wisconsin pilot flees officers, later crashes into cornfield

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP)—Authorities say they were trying to arrest a Wisconsin man on a domestic abuse-related charge when he fled in an airplane before crashing into a cornfield. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office says officers went to Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh on Friday night to try to arrest the 47-year-old for violating a restraining order and other charges. For 18 days, investigators had checked locations he was known to frequent, including the hangar where he kept his plane. The department says he took off despite instructions from the control tower to hold until officers arrived, nearly hitting an Oshkosh police car before becoming airborne. The twin-engine plane crashed about two hours later near Waupaca, about 40 miles away. The pilot was hospitalized with serious injuries that weren't life-threatening. Charges are pending in connection to the plane incident.

Thief in Mexico tries to steal hearse, with body inside.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police in central Mexico they've caught a man who made off with a hearse — complete with a corpse inside. The Tlaquepaque police department says on its Facebook page that the hearse had been readied to take the body of an 80-year-old man from a hospital in neighboring Guadalajara to a funeral home. Police say a 40-year-old man has admitted seeing the keys left in the vehicle and deciding to take it late Friday night. Officers were alerted and they soon spotted the hearse along a highway and detained the suspect, whose name was given only as Annibal Saul N. Police said Saturday he's been turned over to prosecutors. Both the hearse and the body were recovered.

Sprinting naked man leads LA police on lengthy pursuit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A naked man who sprinted with Los Angeles police officers running after him and a police helicopter overhead is in custody after a lengthy chase . The pursuit at dawn Friday captured live by TV news helicopters began after the man abandoned a suspected stolen truck on a freeway east of downtown. Illuminated by a police helicopter spotlight , the man sprinted along dirt footpaths, through a homeless encampment and scaled a fence. Officers closed in as he hid under trees, but the man then ran down an embankment and across several busy freeway connector roads, dodging cars. The man disappeared into a hilly wooded area behind residences but officers caught up with him. He was not immediately identified.

Police: Pair stole trash cans around Santa Fe

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—Two New Mexico men are facing charges after police say the pair went on a spree of stealing trash cans around Santa Fe. The Santa Fe New Mexican reports 50-year-old Kenneth Brooks and 19-year-old Nicola Weydeveld were arrested Sunday after a security guard spotted them pushing rolling trash carts with trash cans inside from the Santa Fe Community Convention Center. A criminal complaint says police found the two men next to the two carts with other trash carts loaded inside. Court documents say Weydeveld told police he intended to use the trash carts for personal use.

Science & Technology

FOR NOW Humans still heft groceries on-demand

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—A self-driving car that delivers your groceries seems like a great idea: a robot vehicle that uses artificial intelligence to replicate the service of yesteryear's milkman and grocery store delivery kid.

There are companies now working on the technology to make it a reality. But they still haven't managed to get the robots to do all the work.

There's a human schlepping your food every step of the way. There's even one behind the wheel.

Tests of the technology in places like Scottsdale, Arizona, and San Jose, California, still feature human safety drivers who have to take over if the robotic one gets confused. So from picking and packing the groceries, to loading them in the car, to having the shopper come to the curb to unload them, people are still involved at every turn.

It might not be long before that changes.

San Jose-based AutoX launched a pilot service in late August that uses proprietary vision technology to minimize the use of expensive lidar sensors. Those are the rotating sensors that shoot out lasers to see the world around it. Instead, AutoX relies mainly on cameras and stitches together 3-D maps, says chief operating officer Jewel Zhou Li.

Lidar equipment can cost as much as $500,000 per car, but AutoX gets that down to $80,000, Li says. It's part of the strategy to get the cost of delivery down to below the price to consumers of $2.50 per trip.

AP

In this Aug. 29, 2018 photo, customer Maureen Blaskovich grabs a coconut water from the backseat window of a self-driving car—a Lincoln MKZ outfitted with technology by AutoX—in San Jose, Calif. An automated system will charge her for the add-on purchase later.

"Drivers are expensive," Li said. "Only with self-driving cars can we make the on-demand economy work."

AutoX, a startup with nearly 100 employees, has partnered with GrubMarket, a 3-year-old company that uses humans to deliver groceries, normally for a fee of $6 for orders below $40.

It sources produce from local farms in the San Francisco Bay Area, and requires shoppers to choose their items online in the morning or the day prior to delivery.

TECH Q&A: How to solve the 'error message' riddle

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Q: One update regularly fails to install on my Windows 7 PC. It's called "Microsoft .Net Framework 4 Client Profile," and when it won't install I get the error code 643. Is this an important update, and, if so, is there a way to make it work?

A: That update is particularly troublesome on Windows 7 PCs, but it is important and there's a way to make it install.

Many Windows programs developed by small companies rely on Microsoft's ".Net Framework" to help them access databases and use the internet; without it they might not work. In your case, the existing ".Net Framework" software on your PC is probably corrupted, which prevents it from being updated.

To fix that, uninstall the program by going to Control Panel, clicking Programs and then clicking Programs and Features. In the resulting list, find Microsoft .Net Framework 4 Client Profile, right click it once and choose "uninstall." Restart your PC and try installing the update again.

If that doesn't solve the problem, check out other possible causes of error code 643, including software conflicts and malware infections (see tinyurl.com/yd7dc84z).

Q: How do I get rid of the pop-up error message that says "Your iCloud settings are out of date"?

A: The error code appears on Windows PCs that have the "iCloud for Windows" software, but haven't been set up to use iCloud's "two-factor authentication," a double-password system that Apple now requires for added security.

Two-factor authentication requires a one-time setup in which a particular computing device _ anything from and iPhone to a PC _ is listed with Apple as "trusted."

On Apple devices, each trusted device is given a verification code which, together with an Apple password, allows it to access any part of iCloud. On a Windows PC, the computer is given an "application-specific password" that allows a particular Windows program to access iCloud. For example, it would allow Windows 10 Mail or Microsoft Outlook to display iCloud e-mail.

To set up two-factor authentication, see tinyurl.com/yd936u86 for a Windows PC or tinyurl.com/z5jpvyq for an iPhone, iPad or Mac.

In Loving Memory of

Victoria Pangelinan Mafnas Concepcion

Affectionately known by many as "Nan Torang and Mom Pop"

December 28, 1926 – September 01, 2018 was called home by our Heavenly Father at the age of 91.

In Eternal Life, she now joins her:

Parents: †Jose Cabrera Pangelinan and †Maria Coloma Reyes Pangelinan
Parents-in-Law: †Jose Arceo Mafnas and †Maria Sablan Mafnas /†Manuel Cruz Concepcion and †Tomasa Aguon Concepcion
Husbands: †Juan Rios Mafnas and †Jose Aguon Concepcion
Sons: †Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas and †Jose Pangelinan Mafnas
Daughters: †Maria Pangelinan Mafnas and †Antonia Mafnas Apatang, †Francisca Concepcion San Nicolas
Siblings: †Francisco Reyes Pangelinan and †Emilia Pangelinan Palacios
Daughter-in-Law: †Susana Tenorio Mafnas
Sons-in-Law: †David Santos San Nicolas, †Joseph Taitano Flores
Sisters-in-Law: †Asuncion Concepcion Fejeran, †Maxima DelaCruz Pangelinan
Brothers-in-Law: †Ricardo Salas Sablan/†Alfonso Arriola Palacios, †Jose S. Fejeran,†Joaquin Aguon Concepcion

Her love and memories will be forever be treasured in the hearts of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren:

†Jesus Pangelinan Mafnas and †Susana Tenorio Mafnas and Children
†Jose Pangelinan Mafnas and Liberty (Ever) Legaspi Mafnas and Children
†Maria Pangelinan Mafnas and Children
Theresita Pangelinan Mafnas and Children
†Antonia Mafnas Apatang and David Mundo Apatang and Children
Antonio Pangelinan Mafnas and Cynthia Castro Mafnas and Children
Teresita Concepcion Flores and †Joseph T. Flores and Children
†Francisca Concepcion and †David S. San Nicolas and Children
Lourdes Castro Concepcion & John Villagomez/Antonio Salas
Joaquin Castro Concepcion and Rose Mary Concepcion and Children
Leroy P. Cruz and Annie Guerrero and Children

Reared Children:
†Pedro Delacruz Pangelinan (Judith Inos Pangelinan)
Henry Delacruz Pangelinan (Mathilde Lizama Pangelinan)
Celina Mafnas Muna (Ramon W. Muna)
Elaine Mafnas Apatang-Butts (Frederick Butts)
Velma Mafnas Apatang Lore
Victoria Ann Mafnas Apatang (Sidney Camacho)
Teresa Celine Mafnas Borja

Brothers and Sister:
Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan and †Maxima DlCruz Pangelinan and Children
†Emelia Pangelinan Palacios and †Alfonso Arriola Palacios and Children
†Francisco Reyes Pangelinan/Carmen Arriola Pangelinan Delacerna (Joey Delacerna) and Children

Caretakers: Theresita Pangelinan Mafnas, Debra Ann Mafnas Rosario, Dwayne Mafnas Borja

Daily mass is offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church followed by the rosary.
On Sunday, September 09, 2018, mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. followed by the rosary.

On Monday, September 10, 2018, our dearly beloved will be escorted from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation at 7:30 a.m. to San Antonio Church where Responso, Holy Rosary, Viewing, and the Mass for Christian Burial will be held. The mass is set for 11:00 a.m. She will be escorted to the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa, where she will be laid to rest.

Please join us in prayer.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Maase
From the Family

Life & Style

Trump disputes book's portrayal of White House dysfunction

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump unloaded Wednesday against an explosive new book from journalist Bob Woodward, labeling the tell-all memoir "a work of fiction" as West Wing staff scrambled to rebut its vivid depictions of White House dysfunction.

"The book means nothing," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. He said the early release of information from the book this week was designed to interfere with confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, "which I don't think it's done."

Venting for a second day, Trump tweeted that "Fear: Trump in the White House" was the "exact opposite of the fact." He also revisited a call to change libel laws, though he has no authority to do so.

The book features current and former aides calling the president an "idiot" and a "liar" and depicting him as prone to rash policy decisions that aides worked furiously to derail or stall.

Within the West Wing, aides increasingly numb to drama still were shaken by the in-depth reporting, which included interviews with numerous aides and copies of internal memos. The White House press office appeared caught off guard when The Washington Post published a story about the book on Tuesday, a week before its Sept. 11 release date. The office was unable to quickly procure an advance copy of the book.

Key allies have pushed back against the book, which quotes Trump aides disparaging the president's judgment and claiming they plucked papers off his desk to prevent him from withdrawing from a pair of trade agreements. Those issuing denials, at least in part, included Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and chief of staff John Kelly.

AP

President Donald Trump responds to a reporters question during an event with sheriffs in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

Underscoring the aggressive response, Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale tweeted Wednesday that Woodward "got played," adding that "most of these stories are made up from low confidence under performing people that have fallen flat on their faces because they didn't have the talent or intelligence to be successful."

In a statement to the Post, Woodward said, "I stand by my reporting." He did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders evaded questions Wednesday on Fox News about whether it was a mistake for the communications department not to have Trump sit for an interview with Woodward.

Trump and Woodward spoke after the book was sent to the publisher. In a transcript and audio of the call released by the Post, Woodward tells Trump he made repeated efforts to get an interview, while a clearly irritated Trump says he would have participated if he had known.

Kim Kardashian visits Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reality television star Kim Kardashian West, who successfully pushed President Donald Trump to grant a pardon for a drug offender earlier this year, returned to the White House on Wednesday for a meeting with senior aides as part of the administration's efforts on criminal justice reform.

Kardashian West, who may have felt right at home with the drama-infused atmosphere in the West Wing as it grapples with the fallout from Bob Woodward's new book, participated in a listening session on clemency and prison reform with several staffers, including the president's senior adviser and son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

"The discussion is mainly focused on ways to improve that process to ensure deserving cases receive a fair review," according to Hogan Gidley, White House deputy press secretary.

Among the others in attendance were CNN commentator Van Jones, Shon Hopwood, a lawyer who served time in prison for bank robbery and Leonard Leo of the Federalist Society, who has been instrumental in steering Trump's Supreme Court picks, including Brett Kavanaugh, whose confirmation hearings have begun on Capitol Hill.

But the headliner was Kardashian West, who last visited the White House three months ago to press for a pardon for 63-year-old Alice Marie Johnson. At the time, the reality star, dressed in black, posed for an instantly iconic—and seemingly somber—photo with Trump in the Oval Office, though there were no plans for her to meet with the president on Wednesday.

One week after Kardashian West's visit, Trump granted Johnson clemency, freeing her from prison after a more than two-decade stint on drug charges.

"When I looked at Alice, I said we can't just stop with one person. We have to change the laws," Kardashian West said in a statement released by #cut50, a group that looks to reduce incarceration time.

The pardon for Johnson was one of several instances where the president has used his constitutional power to pardon federal crimes. Trump in May pardoned conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza and suggested he was considering a commutation for former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and a pardon for lifestyle guru Martha Stewart. He has not yet acted on either front.

In Celebration of His New Life

†RAYMOND FRANKLIN MASGA NAKAZATO

Better known as "Bo"
BORN: April 26, 1996 **DEATH:** September 2, 2018

In his new life, he now joins:
Grandfathers: †Francisco Acosta Masga
†Takeshi Nakazato
Grandmother: †Mitsue Nakazato
Niece: †Angel Mahealani Nakazato Borja

His Memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Grandmother: Nicolasa Sablan Masga
Parents: Takehide & Leona Masga Nakazato
Brother, Sisters & In-law:
Courtney M. Nakazato
Koniko M. Nakazato
Mayumi M. Nakazato & Joel Naputi
(Takehide Jose, Peleni Emiko
Sara Yumiko & Jathaniel Marko)
Francine M. Nakazato & Nikkie Ayuyu
(Mituse Navaeh, Miyuki Nicole
& Minako Nilani)
Mariama M. Nakazato
& Marwin Lee Marvin

Special Friend: Viktoria Zia F. Buniag

God Parents: Martin Salas
Pauline O. Tudela

Maternal Aunts & Uncles:
Ray S. Masga & Judith F. Santos (Children)
Junnie S. Masga & Berry SN. Fredrick
(Children & Grandchildren)
Andrew S. Masga
Shawn S. & Helen L. Masga (Children)
Caroline M. & Brandon B. Agulto

Paternal Aunts & Uncles:
Sayuri N. & Phil Perez (Children)
Takehiko Nakazato

Holy mass is being offered at San Vicente Parish at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday, September 8 & 9, 2018. Funeral service will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018. Our beloved †Raymond will be escorted from Borja's Funeral Home to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 1:00 p.m.. Responso, Holy Rosary and viewing will follow upon arrival of our beloved "Bo". Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be laid to a peaceful rest.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your continued prayers.

Nakazato & Masga Family

Swimsuit-less Miss America enters 2nd day of prelims

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—The second night of preliminary competition in the swimsuit-less Miss America competition will be held Thursday night in Atlantic City.

Contestants from Florida and Wisconsin picked up wins Wednesday in the first night of preliminary competition.

Miss Florida Taylor Tyson won the talent competition for a piano rendition of "Mephisto's Waltz" by Lizst.

Miss Wisconsin Tianna Vanderhei won the onstage interview competition for her comments on how higher education should be more affordable and more widely accessible.

Both said they were excited to be the first winners in the revamped Miss America competition, which has generated controversy for its decision to eliminate swimsuits - a staple of the pageant since it began 98 years ago in Atlantic City.

AP

Miss Florida, Taylor Tyson, left, and Miss Wisconsin, Tianna Vanderhei, talk to the media after the first night of preliminary competition at the Miss America competition in Atlantic City, N.J., Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

"Swimsuit is behind us," Vanderhei said after Wednesday night's competition ended. "It's sad that it's gone, but I understand the reasons it's gone."

"People are going to get to see what Miss America is all about with these changes," Tyson added.

The preliminaries began amid a revolt by state pageant officials unhappy with the way the decision to drop swimsuits was made, and who are demanding that top leadership, including chairwoman Gretchen Carlson, step down.

The current Miss America, Cara Mund, has accused Carlson and CEO Regina Hopper of bullying and silencing her—allegations the two officials deny.

Mund did not reference the controversy in her opening remarks, which followed a prolonged standing ovation. But she did pay tribute to local and state officials without mentioning national ones.

"This only exists because of our volunteers," she said. "We wouldn't have any organization if it weren't for them."

A spokesman for opponents of the current leadership said 46 state organizations have signed letters calling for Carlson and Hopper to resign; only Arkansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nevada and Vermont have not signed.

The first of three nights of preliminary competition began with a big change: In past years, one talent and one swimsuit winner were named in each of the three preliminary nights.

Bill Cosby faces lawsuit over unpaid legal fees

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A former member of Bill Cosby's defense team is suing the 81-year-old comedian for more than $50,000 in unpaid legal fees.

The civil claim for failure to pay for legal services rendered was filed Tuesday by Philadelphia-based law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis. It did not include the exact amount the firm is seeking for work done by attorney Samuel Silver from August 2017 through February.

Cosby's current attorney, Joe P. Green, says the claim arose from a "disagreement over the amount of legal fees charged," and Cosby had offered to submit the dispute to mediation.

Silver says Cosby's team had not challenged the billing or work before this month, but had not paid the bills despite promising to do so.

Cosby was convicted in April of three counts of aggravated indecent assault. Sentencing is scheduled Sept. 24.

Goop settles over claims its vaginal eggs have health perks

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyle company goop has agreed to pay $145,000 in civil penalties over products including egg-shaped stones that are meant to be inserted into the vagina to improve health.

Prosecutors in eight California counties jointly announced the settlement on Tuesday after a task-force investigation found some of goop's health claims were unfounded.

The settlement involves advertisements saying goop's Jade Egg and Rose Quartz Egg could balance hormones, regulate menstrual cycles and improve bladder control.

In addition to the penalty, the company will provide refunds to customers who ask.

A goop statement says the settlement acknowledges no liability on the company's part and addresses only advertising, not the products themselves. The statement says there is honest disagreement between the sides, but goop wanted to settle the matter quickly and amicably.

Cosby's Hollywood Walk of Fame star vandalized with graffiti

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bill Cosby's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was vandalized by someone who scrawled the words "serial rapist" with a marker pen.

Los Angeles police found the marred sidewalk star early Tuesday, City News Service reported. The graffiti was similar to vandalism that occurred in 2014 and has since been removed.

Cosby was convicted in Philadelphia this year of aggravated indecent assault on a former Temple University employee who is among many women who have stepped forward to accuse the comedian of sexual misconduct.

Cosby has denied any wrongdoing.

Cosby's star, dedicated in 1977, is a short distance down Hollywood Boulevard from President Donald Trump's star, which has been vandalized twice with heavy tools that caused significant damage.

Trump's star was unveiled in 2007, recognizing his work on the reality TV show "The Apprentice." It has also been repaired.

The Walk of Fame is administered by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, which has never removed a star.

LeBron James says in Kaepernick reference: I stand with Nike

NEW YORK (AP)—Clutching his young daughter in his arms, LeBron James said he stands with Nike, a clear reference to the company's Colin Kaepernick ad campaign.

The basketball superstar—and new Los Angeles Laker—made the remarks as he received an award Tuesday for both his style and his philanthropy from Harlem's Fashion Row. The fashion collective partnered with Nike for the New York event, both a fashion show and an awards ceremony that focused on diversity in the fashion world. The evening culminated in the reveal of the latest LeBron James Nike basketball shoe: a women's sneaker designed by three female African-American designers and inspired by strong African-American women.

In emotional remarks, James paid tribute to the three women in his life—his mother, wife and 3-year-old daughter, Zhuri.

Friend can't hold tongue about woman's patter of bad choices

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who's 22 and has two children, which I helped her to deliver. She is also my neighbor. Since she moved in and divorced her husband, my husband and I have watched her make bad choices over and over again, starting with the derelict men she dates to the way she gets drunk, then drives her paper route at night. She blows her money on tattoos and then asks us for food. It's become exhausting.

She's now dating another man who's obviously using her. I have a hard time not telling him off when I see him. He won't get a job and he keeps her in perpetual relationship limbo, which forces her to focus all her attention on him and neglect her children and home.

What can I do? I value her so much I lose sleep. She constantly posts on social media that she's lonely and everyone always leaves her, but she gets mad at me for telling her where she keeps going wrong. Why can't she understand that she's doing this to herself? How can I help her see her errors, so she can move on from this awful phase?

CARING FRIEND IN FLORIDA

DEAR CARING FRIEND: Your friend has a job. If she weren't supporting her boyfriend, she would be able to support herself and her children. The more you give her, the more reliant she will become on your handouts.

Take it from a professional: The most unwelcome advice is that which is unasked for, which is why she gets angry when you try to tell her what she's doing wrong. She doesn't want to hear it. The way to get someone like this to recognize her "errors" is to stop trying to save her from them.

You can't fix what's wrong in her life—only she can do that —so step back. If you really think her children are going hungry, contact child protective services, so those kids can get the help they need.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are both 68. We have been engaged for a year now. When we shopped for an engagement ring, we also purchased wedding bands because the jewelry store was having a sale.

Because of our ages, I have come to feel that there is no compelling reason to get married. It would be a big legal hassle, and there's no reason why we just cannot live together. He agrees. However, we have made a commitment to each other, and I call him my husband and he calls me his wife.

My question is, would it be OK for us to wear the wedding bands, even though we are not legally married? I wonder if other couples have done this having made that commitment to each other. Your thoughts?

HAPPILY TOGETHER

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR HAPPILY: No law forbids the two of you from wearing wedding rings and calling yourselves married. Others have done it. In some states, after a period of time, the arrangement would become a common-law marriage. However, before making a final decision to do this, you and your fiance should discuss it with a lawyer. There are certain guarantees and benefits to being legally wed, because spouses have rights of inheritance and decision-making in case of illness that unwed couples do not enjoy.

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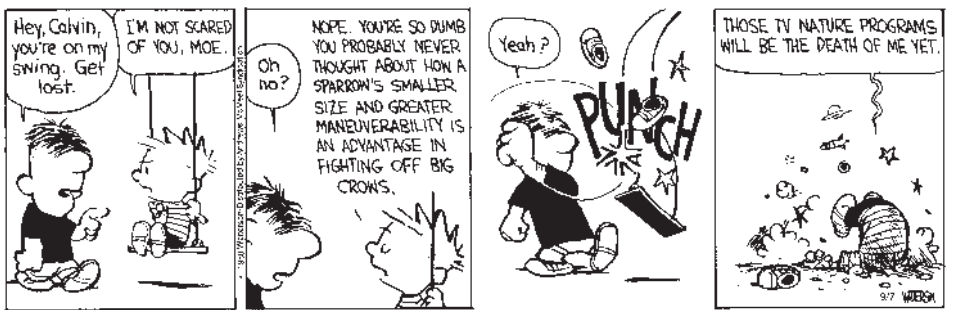
By Bill Waterson


Hey, Calvin, you're on my swing. Get lost.
I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU, MOE.
Oh no?
NOPE. YOU'RE SO DUMB YOU PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW A SPARROW'S SMALLER SIZE AND GREATER MANEUVERABILITY IS AN ADVANTAGE IN FIGHTING OFF BIG CROWS.
Yeah?
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ADAM?
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YEAH. I THINK HIS NOSE IS TAKING THE BRUNT OF IT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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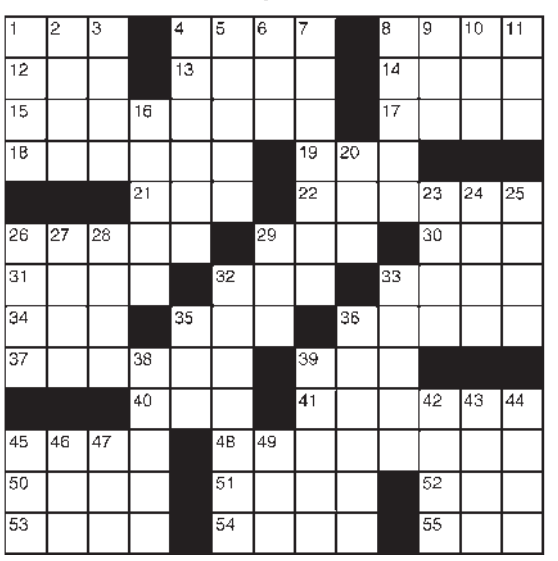

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Express yourself emotionally. Share your feelings and find out where you stand. Don't let a situation that is bothering you build into a feud when communication, understanding and solutions are what's required. A romantic gesture will enhance your personal life. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Look for an alternative if a situation isn't going according to plan. Listen to suggestions offered, and do your best to stick to tried-and-true methods. A practical approach will help to ward off mistakes that can be costly. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Be willing to do your part, and stick to the truth to avoid being called out by someone fact-checking. Personal improvements should include health as well as your domestic environment. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Working hand in hand with trusted individuals will help promote steady progress. Shy away from anyone exhibiting excessive tendencies or who is emotionally manipulative. Know when to say no, and surround yourself with people who are practical, moderate and efficient. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Getting all worked up over nothing will not serve you well. Before you initiate an emotional conversation with someone, get your facts straight. If you act on an assumption or hearsay, you will not only offend someone, you'll damage your relationship. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A day trip or visiting old friends or relatives should be scheduled. Attending a reunion and socializing with people from different walks of life will stimulate you mentally as well as prompt you to make changes to your life and future endeavors. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Tread carefully when dealing with friends and family. Not everyone will see things your way. Someone will put demands on you or try to interfere with what you want to do. Don't let indulgent behavior be your way of dealing with negativity. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* An emotional situation will escalate quickly if you don't pull back and rethink your strategy. Focus on something you have control over, not something you don't. Be up-front and do your own thing. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* No one knows better than you when it comes to how you feel and what you want. Try not to pussyfoot around issues that need to be discussed. By avoiding the truth, you will give someone a false impression. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Find the best way to use your knowledge to bring about positive changes at work and at home. A chance to reinvent yourself will turn out to be quite prosperous. Recycle old ideas and format the journey you want to pursue. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Emotions will take over if you aren't careful. Don't let anyone bait you into a discussion about something you aren't ready to talk about. If you want to change something, start with yourself. A new diet, exercise routine or look is encouraged. 3 stars

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You'll have some interesting ideas. Discuss your plans with an expert to work out any kinks that could slow you down. Money, contracts and a change in the way you earn your living look promising. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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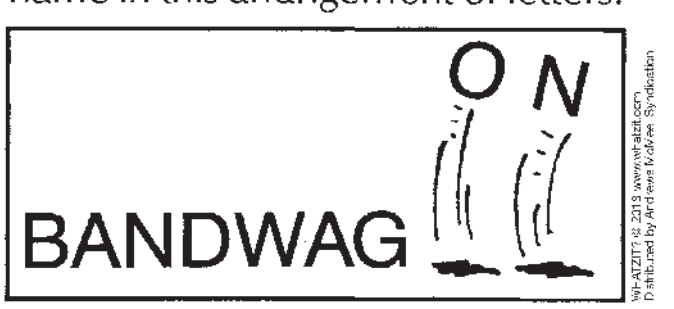

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Phillips hits winning homer in Red Sox debut

ATLANTA (AP)—Brandon Phillips hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning, highlighting his long-awaited season debut and capping the Boston Red Sox's biggest comeback of the season in a 9-8 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday.

The Red Sox overcame a late six-run deficit to sweep the three-game series between division leaders.

Majors-leading Boston scored six times in the eighth to make it 7-all. After Freddie Freeman hit a solo homer with two outs in the Braves eighth, the Red Sox bounced back for their 97th win.

The 37-year-old Phillips sat out the first half of this year, signed a minor league contract with Boston in late June and was called up from Triple-A Pawtucket on Tuesday. He didn't play that night, but started at second base in the final game of the interleague set.

After becoming the first player in Red Sox history to wear No. 0, in one swing the guy with the zero became a gameday hero. Andrew Benintendi singled with one out off A.J. Minter (4-3) and Steve Pearce struck out, bringing up Phillips. On the first pitch, Phillips homered deep into the left field seats.

Braves left fielder Ronald Acuna Jr., who hit another leadoff homer in the first, didn't move as Phillips' shot sailed over his head. Phillips scored three runs and drew two walks.

Braves stadium organist Matthew Kaminski played "Welcome Back" before Phillips' first at-bat in the second inning. Phillips, a high school star in the Atlanta area who played most of last season with the Braves, tipped his helmet and then walked.

AP
Boston Red Sox's Brandon Phillips slides home safely to score past Atlanta Braves catcher Tyler Flowers during the eighth inning of a baseball game on Wednesday, Sept 5, 2018, in Atlanta.

Indians 3, Royals 1

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber became the first 18-game winner in the majors this season, striking out 10 in Cleveland's victory over Kansas City.

The Indians moved closer to the third straight AL Central title, reducing their magic number for clinching the division to nine.

Kluber (18-7) allowed one run and two hits in 6 2/3 innings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner was pulled after 105 pitches.

Mets 7, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Zack Wheeler stayed in the game after getting hit in the chest by a line drive, pitching seven sharp innings to lead New York over Los Angeles.

Max Muncy and Cody Bellinger homered for the playoff-contending Dodgers, who lost for third time in their past 12 games. Los Angeles finished with three hits.

Wilmer Flores had a pair of RBI singles and Amed Rosario got three hits for the Mets. They went 5-4 on their road trip to Wrigley Field, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Blue Jays 10, Rays 3

In Toronto, Aledmys Diaz hit a three-run homer in a seven-run first inning, Aaron Sanchez won for the first time in three months and Toronto beat Tampa Bay to prevent a three-game sweep.

Billy McKinney added a solo homer as Toronto had 16 hits and improved to 3-9 against the Rays this season. Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak was snapped.

Marlins 2, Phillies 1

In Miami, Sandy Alcantara pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning in his second career start, Austin Dean drove in a pair of runs and Miami beat Philadelphia.

Alcantara (2-0) allowed three hits, walked two and struck out six. Drew Steckenrider allowed a walk and a single with one out in the ninth, but finished off his fourth save with a pair of strikeouts.

Pirates 3, Reds 2

In Pittsburgh, Jameson Taillon pitched five effective innings and helped send Homer Bailey to yet another loss in Pittsburgh's victory over Cincinnati.

Taillon (12-9) allowed only one run as he scattered eight hits and walked none to help the Pirates sweep the three-game series. Felipe Vazquez survived a shaky ninth inning, allowing Dilson Herrera's pinch-hit RBI double with none out, before earning his 30th save.

Bailey (1-14) lost his ninth straight decision. The Reds are 1-19 in his starts this season.

Cubs 6, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Daniel Murphy and Kyle Schwarber homered to back a solid start from Jose Quintana, and the Chicago Cubs held off the Milwaukee Brewers 6-4 on Wednesday night to avert a three-game sweep.

Pedro Strop closed out a tense ninth inning as Chicago boosted its NL Central lead to four games over the second-place Brewers.

Quintana (12-9) allowed two runs in 6 2/3 innings, improving to 3-1 at Miller Park with the Cubs.

Tigers 10, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Ronny Rodriguez had a two-run homer and Jeimer Candelario, Mikie Mahtook and JaCoby Jones each added a solo shot, powering the Detroit Tigers to a rout of the Chicago White Sox and prized pitching prospect Michael Kopech.

The game was delayed twice by rain for a total of an hour and one minute.

Nicholas Castellanos went 3 for 4 with a walk and an RBI and Victor Martinez had a two-run single as Detroit pounded out 16 hits and won for the eighth time in nine games at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Cardinals 7, Nationals 6

In Washington, the Cardinals accomplished a feat Wednesday no other MLB team has since the All-Star break.

Their one-run, 7-6, victory over the Nationals put them at 30 wins since the break and 11-1 in their last 12 outings. St. Louis is heating up at just the right time as it continues to fight for a National League wild-card spot.

Powered by the bats of Jose Martinez and Marcell Ozuna, the Cardinals were up 6-0 before the Nationals finally got on the board. A late rally gave Washington a chance but Yairo Munoz's seventh home run of the season gave St. Louis enough of a cushion to pull ahead, and take the series.

Garcia leads Ryder Cup wild-card picks for Europe

FRANCE (AP)—The chance of playing another Ryder Cup kept Ian Poulter motivated through his dark times over the last two years. Paul Casey made major changes to his schedule in order to get another shot at golf's greatest team event.

Throughout his own recent slump, Sergio Garcia was in regular conversation with close friend Thomas Bjorn in an effort to stay in the European captain's thinking.

It all paid off on Wednesday.

In a selection that rewarded experience over form, Bjorn balanced a team overflowing with rookies by picking Garcia, Poulter, Casey and Henrik Stenson as his wild-cards for Europe's bid to regain the Ryder Cup from the United States in Paris from Sept. 28-30.

"You need people like that," Bjorn said, "who have been there and done it, positively and negatively."

Bjorn wasn't short of options as he weighed up who to add to a team containing automatic qualifiers Rory McIlroy, Francesco Molinari, Justin Rose, Thorbjorn Olesen, Jon Rahm, Tyrrell Hatton, Tommy Fleetwood and Alex Noren.

Up-and-coming Englishman Matt Wallace perhaps made the strongest case for inclusion after winning the Made In Denmark event last weekend—in front of Bjorn on his home course—for his third victory in 15 starts on the European Tour.

But selecting Wallace would have meant Europe had a sixth rookie on the team, along with Olesen, Rahm, Hatton, Fleetwood and Noren.

In the end, Bjorn leant on Europe's tried and tested.

The four captain's picks have made 20 Ryder Cup appearances between them, and each has won at least 50 percent of their matches in the competition. Their average is 40.75.

"I'm going to give everything I can, not only on the golf course but in the team room," said Garcia, the most fortunate of the picks having missed the cut in eight of his last 13 events.

"I want to make sure some of those rookies feel as comfortable as possible, try to make them better, and hopefully that helps us all to get our goal, that is winning the Ryder Cup again."

Garcia, the 2017 Masters champion, will be making his ninth appearance in the Ryder Cup and it seemed Bjorn was never going to go without the experienced Spaniard.

"He's the heartbeat of the team," Bjorn said after making the announcement in London. "It's like a football team going in without their captain."

Poulter, often referred to as "Mr. Ryder Cup," is back for his sixth appearance after missing the 2016 edition that the Americans won at Hazeltine. He has lost only four of 18 Ryder Cup matches, is undefeated in singles, and was the inspiration behind Europe's improbable comeback from 10-6 behind to win in Medinah in 2012.

"It's been a tough two years—I was No. 208 in the world rankings two years ago— but that little gold trophy kept my heart beating," Poulter said. "To be part of it is magical."

Casey, ranked No. 16, is returning to the Ryder Cup for the first time since 2008. After failing to earn a wild-card pick in 2010, he later gave up his European Tour membership, which barred him from playing in the biennial team event. He joined the tour again last year with the competition in mind.

Djokovic makes 11th straight semis appearance

NEW YORK (AP)—Novak Djokovic put aside all of it, from his opponent's unheard-of, middle-of-a-set chance to change out of sweat-soaked clothes and shoes, to consecutive time violations because he let the serve clock expire, to the 16 break points he wasted.

All that mattered, really, was that Djokovic managed to do what Roger Federer could not two nights earlier: beat 55th-ranked John Millman at the U.S. Open.

Djokovic moved a step closer to a third championship at Flushing Meadows and 14th Grand Slam title overall by eliminating Millman 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to get to the tournament's semifinals for an 11th appearance in a row. He sat out last year because of an injured right elbow.

The No. 6-seeded Djokovic, who won Wimbledon in July, had been drawn to face Federer in the quarterfinals. But Millman scuttled that showdown by stunning the 20-time Grand Slam champ in four sets in the fourth round on a hot and humid evening that Federer said sapped his energy and made it hard to breathe.

This night was cooler, as the temperature dipped into the 70s, but the humidity was above 80 percent, so with Millman drenched, he sought permission for a wardrobe change at 2-all in the second set. It was odd enough to see a player be allowed to do that during, instead of after, a set, but even odder for it to happen after an even number of games, rather than at an odd-game changeover.

"I was struggling. He was struggling. We were all sweating. Changing a lot of T-shirts, shorts," said Djokovic, who will face 2014 U.S. Open runner-up Kei Nishikori on Friday. "Just trying to find a way to hang in there."

AP
Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot to John Millman of Australia during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in New York.

When Millman apologized for leaving the court at that juncture, Djokovic replied, "I'm fine to have a little rest," then sat down on his sideline bench without a shirt on and cooled off.

"Definitely not easy conditions to play in," Djokovic said, "but same for both players."

Widely considered the best returner in the game, he kept accumulating chances—and then failing to cash them in. Djokovic was able to only come through on four of his 20 break points.

There were other issues for him, too, including in the third set when, ahead by a break, he was called by the chair umpire for allowing the 25-second serve clock, making its Grand Slam debut at this tournament, run out on back-to-back points. After the first, he double-faulted, and he wound up getting broken there.

But he broke back in the match's next-to-last game, then served out the victory at love.

Earlier Wednesday, Nishikori defeated the man he lost to in the final four years ago, Marin Cilic, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4. Add that to No. 20 Naomi Osaka's 6-1, 6-1 win over unseeded Lesia Tsurenko of Ukraine, and Osaka and Nishikori give Japan semifinalists in both men's and women's singles at the same Grand Slam tournament for the first time in tennis history.

"It's great to see," said Nishikori, who is into his third major semifinal—all in New York—but is still in search of his initial Slam trophy.

For Osaka, who is 20, this is her first trip past the fourth round at a major. She purported to be "freaking out inside," even if it certainly never showed.

She'll face No. 14 Madison Keys of the U.S. on Thursday night. Serena Williams plays No. 19 Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia in the other semifinal.

Keys was one of four American women in the final four a year ago, when she was the runner-up to Sloane Stephens.

She's the only member of that quartet who made it back.

Still in search of her first Grand Slam title, the Keys reached her third semifinal in the past five majors by using her big-strike game built on serves and forehands to overpower No. 30 Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain 6-4, 6-3.

Keys won all 10 of her service games, saving the only two break points she faced. One came in the last game as she served for the victory, but she erased it with a forehand winner, part of a 22-10 edge in that category.

Keys, who is 23, thinks she is more equipped than ever to deal with important moments on important stages.

"I've gotten a lot better managing my emotions once it gets to this part and knowing that everything is going to be probably more amped up," she said. "And not shying away from those, but just really being honest about it and talking about it."

Nishikori, Osaka give Japan historic tennis day

NEW YORK (AP)—Kei Nishikori looked around Arthur Ashe Stadium and noticed the crowd.

With Nishikori playing immediately after Naomi Osaka on Wednesday, the U.S. Open became must-see viewing for Japanese tennis fans.

"It's good to have, you know, home support outside of Japan," he said. "Yeah, it's great news we're both in the semis."

Historic news, actually.

Both players won—Osaka decisively, Nishikori narrowly—to give Japan a men's and women's semifinalist at the same Grand Slam tournament for the first time, according to the ATP Tour.

Nishikori rallied to beat Marin Cilic 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4 in a match that lasted 4 hours, 8 minutes. Osaka routed Lesia Tsurenko 6-1, 6-1 in just 57 minutes, the third time in her five matches in the tournament that she finished in less than an hour.

"I think she can, you know, win a title now, even (a) Grand Slam. So I feel, you know, big chance for her," Nishikori said.

"Also happy for myself, too, being injured last year."

That was a wrist injury that kept him off the tour from late last season until early this year. He started to regain his form in the spring, was back up to the No. 21 seed for his return to Flushing Meadows, and awaits No. 6 Novak Djokovic on Friday.

Meanwhile, Osaka won a Masters title at Indian Wells and with her strong run in New York, where she will next play 2017 U.S. Open runner-up Madison Keys, she has picked up more of a following from the Japanese media — though she believes there's a different reason for that.

"I think it's because of Kei," she said, holding her hands apart to show how much bigger Nishikori is in Japan, from where her family moved to New York when she was 3.

So big, in fact, that she was too nervous to talk to him until recently.

Once she did, the 20-year-old Osaka found they had plenty in common. Nishikori, 8 years older, was like a "really big kid" who liked to play video games and have fun like her.

"Overall, he's just really nice and positive and bubbly and stuff," Osaka said.

Only once had Japan had a man and woman reach the quarterfinals of the same major, and Shuzo Matsuoka and Kimiko Date both lost in that round at Wimbledon in 1995.

Nishikori and Osaka are looking to keep right on going. Their victories provided a boost to their baseball-crazed country on an otherwise downer of a day with the news that Los Angeles Angels star Shohei Ohtani had new damage in his right elbow and major surgery was been recommended.

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Patriots' Brady says his goal is still to play 5 more years

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady is making one thing clear as he prepares for his 19th NFL season: He doesn't plan to stop playing football anytime soon.

In the epilogue of his seven-part Facebook Watch documentary series "Tom Vs. Time" released on Wednesday, the 41-year-old Patriots quarterback reiterated his desire to play at least five more years.

"I'd love to play 41, 42, 43, 44, 45," Brady said. "It'll be a challenge for me. I don't think it's going to be easy. It's going to be hard to do. I think it's going to be very hard to do. But I think I can do it. And once you stop, you're done. And I think I'm not ready to say that I'm done, because I don't feel like I am. I still feel like there's things to accomplish. It was really hard to get to this point. Why not finish it off?"

New England opens its 2018 season Sunday against Houston.

Despite winning five Super Bowls and becoming the oldest player ever to win MVP honors last season at age 40, Brady said he thinks there's another level he can reach.

"I think the last eight years of my career have been better than my first 10, so I should just prolong it, and that's what I'm trying to do," he said.

Since its debut in January, "Tom Vs. Time" has provided viewers a glimpse into several behind-the-scenes moments with Brady on the field since he turned 40, as well as rare looks at his private life off the field.

This final episode also explored what Brady said is a new approach to certain aspects of NFL life, which includes ignoring the opinions people have of him.

At one point he seemed to address the criticism he's received in recent seasons about his relationship with his personal health coach and business partner Alex Guerrero. During training camp, Brady called it "ridiculous" to suggest the suspension of Patriots receiver Julian Edelman is tied to his work with Guerrero. Those same questions about Guerrero prompted Brady to abruptly end his first media availability of camp.

AP

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) warms up during an NFL football practice, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass. Quarterbacks Brian Hoyer, behind center, and Danny Etling (5) stand on the field.

"(The media wants) to talk about a lot of drama," Brady said during the epilogue. "I'm sure a lot of teams have things like that. But ours is just to the tenth degree. I'm learning to do deal with it better."

Brady also hinted at the rumored discord between him and coach Bill Belichick, which both have previously downplayed.

"I think anytime you're together with people for a long period of time, relationships ebb and flow," Brady said. "I think people are just looking for something to write and talk about. I just don't give a (expletive) anymore that much about anything. ... Nothing's that big a deal to me anymore. Or maybe I'm just caring more about things that really matter—like my family, like people's health, like life and death.

"But to worry about a lot of (expletive) of what people may say or think or feel—I really don't care anymore."

In Charlotte, Cam Newton says he's extremely comfortable playing in new coordinator Norv Turner's scheme and is thrilled with the talent the Panthers have surrounded him with on offense.

But the eighth-year quarterback isn't going out on a limb and making predictions on what Carolina might achieve this season.

"We don't know what we have yet and that is why Sunday is so important for everybody—because we finally find out," Newton said in preparation for the team's home opener against the Dallas Cowboys.

GCA

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scored the other point in GCA's strong finish against SDA, which won its first game (versus Agape Christian School 2) before losing the next two.

The one-sided win over SDA was a fitting follow-up on GCA 1's domination of Agape 2 last Tuesday. The Eagles shut down Agape 2 in the first set and then gained the outright win with another outstanding performance in the second, 25-4.

In other results this week, Mt. Carmel School downed the then unbeaten Agape 1 last Wednesday to notch its third straight win after losing its season debut to GCA 2. The Knights and Agape 1, with their identical 3-1 records, share second place in the team standings. Saipan International School, pending the results of its game against Agape 2 yesterday, is ranked No. 3 with its 2-1 mark following a three-set victory over GCA 2 (1-2) last Tuesday. The Geckos dropped the opening set, 17-25, and then eked out a 26-24 win in the second to stay in the game. In the deciding third set, SIS kept going and posted a 15-12 triumph to earn its second consecutive victory after bowing to Agape 1 during the opening day of the league.

Agape 1, before losing to Mt. Carmel, bagged its third win in a row after downing Saipan Community School last Tuesday. Agape 1 prevailed in the first two sets in similar scores, 25-12, and completed the sweep with a 15-4 victory in the third. SCS absorbed its third defeat in as many games and was hoping to snap its skid yesterday, as it was scheduled to face GCA 2 at the Eagles turf in Navy Hill.

CAROL

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this year. Lee will see action in the 2018 Lee Duk Hee Cup Chuncheon International Junior Tennis Championships that will take place from Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 at the Chuncheon Songam Sports Town Tennis Courts in Gangwon Province. It is a Grade 2 event with as much as 160 ranking points in the singles competition and 120 in the doubles at stake.

Lee, who is now in Fiji training at International Tennis Federation/Oceania Tennis Federation facility, will remain in Korea until the second week of November, as she is also scheduled to play in the 2018 Seogwipo Asia/Oceania Closed Junior Championships. The event at the Seogwipo Tennis Court in Jeju will be held from No. 5 to 11. The singles champion in this B1 tournament will earn 280 points, while the doubles winners will get 210.

TENORIO

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CNMI players and the rest of the Blue Ayuyus thought the referee should have blown the whistle to stop the play due to Lam's violation.

The game continued with Lam dribbling forward and then feeding streaking Ka Hang Leong for the cross from the right field. Enrico Del Rosario tried to sneak in and stop Leong, while Hark Galarion also rushed into the play to deflect the attempt, and goalie Chris Aninzo was the last line on defense, as he dove for a save, but missed the ball, allowing Macau to take the lead at the 20th minute mark of the closely fought game. After the contested goal, CNMI captain Jonathan Takano approached the referee, explaining that the play should have been halted, as Relucio did not make a pass and just positioned the ball. However, the game official saw otherwise and Macau's goal stayed.

Other CNMI players also swarmed the game official, but then quickly moved on and were even more determined to bounce back from the dubious non-call. The Blue Ayuyus remained aggressive both on offense and defense and 13 minutes later, their persistence was rewarded with Tenorio scoring. The game-tying goal was made possible after Galarion went for a long kick from the penalty box and the ball dropped just way past the center with Takano stopping it with a header. The ball then rolled down with another CNMI player getting it and passing the leather to Tenorio. Tenorio dribbled forward and hopped away from a phalanx of Macau defenders before letting go a cross from the right field ahead of Macau goalie Hou Weng Lo, who moved in a little too late, trying to prevent the CNMI forward from scoring.

Celebration broke after Tenorio's equalizer, as his teammates mobbed him, while the coaching staff, officials, and players on the bench rose in jest. The Blue Ayuyus then rode on the momentum of Tenorio's shot to keep Macau from scoring and force a draw against the team that shut down Guam last Tuesday.

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A screen grab from the video footages of the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 shows the CNMI players celebrating after Sunjoon Tenorio scored against Macau during their game yesterday at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator.

After holding Macau to a standoff despite the controversial goal earlier, CNMI head coach Michiteru had all praises to his players and coaching staff.

"I am very proud of my boys, they played a great game today (yesterday). It was a winning game. There was an unlucky referee's decision, but boys played their 100 percent in this match. I would like to congratulate all my boys and my coaching staff," Mita said.

"We kept doing the right things and prepared for each match very seriously. We just did not get good results in the first two matches. It was especially a very hard time for us after the defeat against Mongolia, but we did not quit and give up. We wanted to show our best game today. Then the boys made it happen. Every match, the boys understand we are the underdogs and players help each player. Today (yesterday), the boys did not stop running for 90 minutes and all the players, from the starting 11 to the substitutes, worked for the team. So, I'm very happy we got good results today. Most of players are young and we need these results to gain confidence," he added.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	97	44	.688	—
New York	87	53	.621	9½
Tampa Bay	75	64	.540	21
Toronto	63	76	.453	33
Baltimore	41	99	.293	55½

Central Division

Cleveland	79	60	.568	—
Minnesota	63	76	.453	16
Detroit	57	83	.407	22½
Chicago	56	84	.400	23½
Kansas City	46	93	.331	33

West Division

Houston	87	53	.621	—
Oakland	84	57	.596	3½
Seattle	78	62	.557	9
Los Angeles	68	72	.486	19
Texas	61	79	.436	26

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	76	63	.547	—
Philadelphia	73	66	.525	3
Washington	69	71	.493	7½
New York	63	76	.453	13
Miami	56	84	.400	20½

Central Division

Chicago	82	57	.590	—
Milwaukee	79	62	.560	4
St. Louis	78	62	.557	4½
Pittsburgh	69	71	.493	13½
Cincinnati	59	81	.421	23½

West Division

Colorado	77	62	.554	—
Los Angeles	76	64	.543	1½
Arizona	75	64	.540	2
San Francisco	68	73	.482	10
San Diego	55	86	.390	23

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Brannon's Docomo Hustlers clinch 8-ball title

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The Brannon's Docomo Hustlers pulled off an upset over 9 Eleven Str8 Black Ball in the finals, 9-7, to win the Tuesday division championship in the Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

Rowel Mariano, Senen Pangilinan, and Robert Sanciangco swept the last three singles events to lift the third-ranked Hustlers to the close victory over the No. 1 seed Black Ball. Before taking the final three matches, the Hustlers were behind, 6-7, after Marianao and Pangilinan fell to Mervin Deocares and Rey Hermogenes in the partners event. Then Mariano knotted the score with a victory over Deocares, while Pangilinan topped Tata Hamoy to put the Hustlers on top before Sanciangco's win over Hermogenes sealed the deal for the eventual champion.

The Hustlers had to rally to notch the Tuesday division title, as they finished the regular season with only a 235-129 record behind the 237-127 and 248-116 slates of 9 Eleven Marianas Water and Ball Ball respectively. Amari's IT&E Destroyers, who earned a 226-138 mark, joined the Top 3 finishers in the single-elimination playoffs, while 9 Eleven Wildboyz (200-164), Amari's Masters Touch (180-184), and Brannon's 670 Builders (120-234) were eliminated.

In the playoffs, which started last week, the Docomo Hustlers edged the second-ranked Marianas Water, 9-6, to move into the finals. The Hustlers were clinging to a 7-6 victory, going into the last three 8-ball events and secured the win when Pangilinan and Mariano won the first two against Jerry Soriano and Rodel Dela Cruz, respectively.

In the other playoff pairing, Black Ball had an easier victory over the Destroyers, 9-4, to set up the title showdown versus the Hustlers. Black Ball took five of the first six events to pull the plug on the Destroyers. The Destroyers went on to settle for the third place honors after nipping Marianas Water in the consolation match (9-8) that was also played last Tuesday. Nolan Cultura and Gian Flores handed the Brannon's and IT&E-backed team the close win after they defeated Soriano and Dela Cruz in the deciding partners event.

Meanwhile, the playoff round in the Thursday division started yesterday with the 9 Eleven 8 Black Ball scheduled to take on Brannon's Jam Shooters in the first semis match. In the other Final Four pairing, 9 Eleven MJD Warriors faced IT&E Amari's Homeboyz. Winners of yesterday's games will battle for the division title on Sept. 13.

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From left, Robert Sanciangco, Senen Pangilinan, Rowel Mariano, and Joey Lucido of the Brannon's Docomo Hustlers pose for a photo before their semis game against 9 Eleven Marianas Water last week in the Tuesday division of the SBA 8-Ball League.

More than 170 sign up for Ironman Saipan

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Participants in last year's Ironman 70.3 Saipan rush into the waters off Pau Pau Beach for the swim leg of the inaugural race.

Over 170 athletes from around the world have registered so far for Ironman 70.3 Saipan that will be held on Oct. 27

With three weeks remaining before the Sept. 30 registration deadline, the race is on track of surpassing the 2017 turnout. The inaugural race last year drew 181 participants.

"Ironman is a brand with worldwide recognition, and we have been working hard to grow awareness of and participation in Ironman 70.3 Saipan," Marianas Visitors Authority acting managing director Martin Duenas. "As Ironman is a very specialized sporting event, our target audience is quite narrow, but we anticipate to reach our overall goal of increasing the number of participants this year. And of course, the international exposure and prestige of being a part of the Ironman family is a big boost for sporting marketing of our other events in The Marianas, as well."

Ironman 70.3 Saipan, jointly organized by the MVA and Kiyokazu Fitness Club of Japan, will offer 30 age qualifying slots for the 2019 Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Nice, France.

An Ironman 70.3 is one of a series of long distance triathlon races organized by the World Triathlon Corporation. Half the length of an Ironman, Ironman 70.3 features a 1.2-mile (1.9K) swim, a 56-mile (90K) bike ride, and a 13.1-mile (21.1K) run.

This year's Ironman 70.3 Saipan will feature a new course. The race will begin with the swim course of two loops in the crystal-clear waters off Micro Beach at American Memorial Park, which will also be the transition site for the three-loop bike route to the quiet nature and historic and scenic sites of Marpi. The mainly flat, two-loop run course follows the western lagoon of the island from Micro Beach to the MVA office in San Jose and back.

Registration is open at www.ironman.com for individual and relay team categories. A special rate is available for residents of The Marianas and Guam. Residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota may also register in person at the MVA office on Beach Rd., San Jose.

Supporters of this year's race include Hyatt Regency Saipan, Foremost/Coca Cola, and Imperial Pacific International CNMI, LLC. ***(PR)***

IT&E hits the green to support the community

HARMON, Guam—IT&E is proud to have worked with local businesses to give back to the community by supporting several important causes. IT&E teamed up with Bank of Guam and sister-company IP&E to host the inaugural Marianas Golf Classic at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort on Saipan

Over 100 golfers participated in the tournament to support non-profit organizations.

In August, IT&E, IP&E, and Bank of Guam presented $3,800 each to the Autism Society of the CNMI, the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance (MINA), and the Make-A-Wish Foundation CNMI and Guam.

"We're inspired by these non-profit organizations and the work they do every day that makes a difference. And it is a privilege to work with our fellow businesses that share our commitment to our community," said IT&E Brand and Public Relations senior manager Danny Daniel.

Other community efforts IT&E supported in August include the Green Gala hosted by MINA, the Governor's Tournament of Champions to benefit the Marianas Tourism Education Council, the 2018 Miss Universe Guam pageant, and the 2018 Island Summer Auto Fest.

IT&E remains committed to doing its part to help the community thrive, protect, and develop our youth, promote health and wellness, preserve the environment, and honor the vibrant cultures of the Marianas and Guam.

IT&E also continues to give back to its subscribers. IT&E has awarded a total of 380,000 miles to CNMI and Guam residential postpaid, prepaid, and postpaid subscribers and through social media giveaways in the IT&E Explore Your World Million Mile Giveaway. And there are still more miles to give away.

Every week until Nov. 2, 2018, IT&E will be giving away miles to new and existing postpaid, prepaid, and bundle subscribers. Subscribers should also keep an eye on IT&E's social media pages for more chances to win.

"We wish the winners of our Million Mile Giveaway happy travels and are excited to send off the next batch of winners. We look forward to continuing to offer our subscribers more chances to explore the world around them with our existing United MileagePlus and Explorer Rewards programs and through our products and services," ITE Product and Marketing director Angela Rosario.

For information on the IT&E Explore Your World Million Mile Giveaway, Explorer Rewards, and how to earn United MileagePlus Miles at IT&E, please visit ite.net. ***(PR)***

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IT&E officials present the Autism Society of the CNMI with $3,800 raised from the inaugural Marianas Golf Classic, organized by IT&E, Bank of Guam, and IP&E in July this year.

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Tenorio delivers for Blue Ayuyus

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, second row eighth left, poses with the CNMI Men's National Team players and officials after their game against Macau in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 yesterday at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator.

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Sunjoon Tenorio, seen here running down the pitch during their game against Guam last Sunday, scored the equalizer in the CNMI's match versus Macau yesterday in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator.

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The CNMI Men's National Team hit the board in its final game and denied Macau the win in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2019 Round 1 yesterday at the Mongolian Football Federation Stadium in Ulan Bator.

Sunjoon Tenorio scored the goal for the Blue Ayuyus in the 33rd minute of the match that could have gone to the CNMI's way if not for a controversial play midway in the first half.

The questionable play started with the ball going out of bounds after it hit the head of Macau's Ka Hou Lei, as he and Tenorio battled for the leather. The CNMI got the possession and Ryan Relucio rolled the ball over to position it and get ready for a kick. However, Anthony Fruit went for an indirect short forward kick in front of Macau captain Ka Seng Lam, who stole the ball, catching the former and Relucio off guard, as the two

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Carol gets August top honors

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ATHLETES of the MONTH

CNMI junior player Carol Lee was awarded the NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Month (for August) after her finals appearance in the singles event of the Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018 in Fiji.

Lee made it to the title match of the world-ranking event under the Juniors ITF Circuit after eliminating four opponents. She won over New Zealand's Ema Miyaura, 6-4, 6-4, and Australia's Roopa Bains, 6-2, 6-0; Anastasia Berezov, 7-6 (3), 6-3; and Annerly Poulos, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4). The CNMI player's streak then ended when Amber Marshalls, also from Australia, defeated her in the finals, 6-1, 6-4.

LEE

The 16-year-old's finals stint in the B2 tournament—the fifth highest in the rankings of competitions under the Juniors ITF—gave her 95 ranking points, which was the most she got since joining the circuit in 2015. With her runner-up finish in the Oceania Closed, Lee also had a huge leap in the world rankings, as he is now at No. 161, from 218 when she entered last month's competition.

The CNMI player hopes to gain more points and climb up to the ladder, when she competes in two ranking tournaments in South Korea later

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GCA 1 extends streak, takes solo lead

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Grace Christian Academy 1 proved to be too much for Seventh Day Adventist, as the Eagles recorded an emphatic 25-4, 25-7 win in their middle school division game in the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League yesterday at the GCA court.

The victory was the fourth in as many games for GCA 1, which now holds the solo lead in the eight-team field. The Cesar Libut-coached Eagles set up the easy win over SDA after taking a commanding 19-2 lead in the first set.

Then in the second, GCA's much better service game and its frontliners' strong presence in the net allowed them to establish a 22-7 advantage. The towering Jason Ou went on to deliver the killer blows for the Eagles with his two booming spikes, which he did without even leaping and in front of the diminutive Marielle Lopez. Kat Saures

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Grace Christian Academy 1's Kian Pajarillaga serves during the second set of their game against Seventh Day Adventist in the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League yesterday at the GCA court.